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Births.

CARINGTON.—December 20, at Myrnong, Toorak (Vic.), the Honorable Mrs. Rupert Carington, of a son, prematurely.

GORDON.—December 26, at her residence, Callan-street, Balmain, the wife of Alex. Gordon, of a son.

NEWMAN.—December 1, 1891, at Bank of New South Wales, Werialda, N. S. W., the wife of W. H. Newman of a daughter.

SAGAR.—December 25 (Christmas night), at her residence, Airdrie-terrace, Wilson-street, Newtown, the wife of Harry Sagar, of a son (Noel Temple).

TATTAM.—December 22, 1891, at her residence, Australian J. Stock Bank, Wolumla, the wife of W. F. Tattam, of a daughter.

Marriages.

WHITTAM—SARGENT.—December 12, at the residence of the bride's parents, by the Rev. Dr. Steel, D.D., Matthew D. Whittam to Emily Agnes, eldest daughter of William Henry Sargent, Edith, Walker-street, North Sydney.

Deaths.

BEDFORD.—At his parent's residence, 250 Darling-street, Balmain, Henry Samuel, eldest and much beloved son of Samuel and Louisa Redford; aged 25 years. English papers please copy.

CLARKE.—December 24, at the residence of her son-in-law, Thomas H. Pateman, Kibworth, 52 Cambridge-street, Paddington, Christina, relict of the late Henry Irving Clarke, of Young, in her 83rd year. Interred at Young.

CULLEN.—December 26, at the residence of her parents, Captain Cook Hotel, Miller's Point, Florrie, the dearly beloved daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Cullen; aged 3 years.

DAVISON.—At his residence, Sterling, Johnston-street, Annandale, after a short and painful illness, Mr. S. G. Davison, in his 48th year.

LEE.—On the 27th instant, at 131 Princes-street, Mary, the beloved daughter of Isabella Lee, aged 23 years.

MELLIN.—December 27, at her residence, Kensington-road, Summer Hill, Annie, the beloved wife of L. T. Mellin, printer, Pitt-street, aged 36 years.

PHILLIPS.—December 12, at Phillip-street, Parramatta, in her 82nd year, Emily Irwin, widow of the late George Phillips, of Port Vale, Staffordshire, England. Staffordshire papers please copy.

In Memoriam.

BRIOT.—In loving memory of Paul Leon Maurice Briot, B.Sc. (Paris University), Professor of Mathematics, aged 32 years and 5 months, eldest son of the late Monsieur Charles Briot, Dean of the Faculty of Sciences (Paris University), who departed this life 28th November, 1890, at his late residence, Crown-st., S. H. Inserted by his affect. wife.

BRIOT.—In affectionate remembrance of dear little Adrienne Adelaide (Addie), who died the 27th December, 1890, aged 18 months and 3 weeks, youngest daughter of the late Maurice Briot, B. Sc. (Paris University), Professor of Mathematics. Inserted by her brothers and sisters, Maurice, Laure, Charles, and Florence Briot.

HILTON.—In loving remembrance of our dear son, Willie, who died on the 27th of December, 1886, aged nearly 5 years. Gone, but not forgotten. William and Jane Hilton.

LLOYD.—In loving remembrance of the Rev. Morgan Lloyd, of Alberton, Adelaide, the beloved son of Benjamin and Ann Lloyd, who died 27th December, 1888, aged 38. Inserted by his loving parents. Adelaide and home papers please copy.

M'DONAGH.—In loving remembrance of my dear father, Thomas M'Donagh, who died on the 27th December, 1882. Inserted by his son, Thomas.

M'GRATH.—In loving memory of our dear grandmother, Mary Ann M'Grath, who departed this life, at her residence, Kingston, Newtown, on December 27, 1877. Inserted by her loving grandchildren, Naomi and Maude Goddard. May she rest in peace.

M'GRATH.—In fond and loving remembrance of Mary Ann M'Grath, the beloved mother of Mrs. Robert Kennedy, who died December 27, 1876. Beloved by all who knew her.

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Massilia	4918	C. D. Sams	Jan. 25	Jan. 30	Feb. 3
Oriental	5045	E. Stewart	Feb. 8	Feb. 13	Feb. 17
*Victoria	6522	A. W. Adamson	Feb. 20	Feb. 27	Mar. 2
*Oceana	6362	P. S. Tomlin	Mar. 5	Mar. 12	Mar. 16
*Valetta	4919	R. F. Briscoe	Mar. 19	Mar. 26	Mar. 30
*Arcadia	6362	W. B. Andrews	April 2	April 9	April 13
*Ballaarat	4748	E. Ashdown	April 16	April 23	April 27
*Parramatta	4771	R. G. Murray	April 30	May 7	May 11

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ORUBA	5552	Lindsay Hay	Jan.	18
AUSTRAL	5524	F. M. Tuke	Feb.	1
CUZCO	3918	J. F. Anderson	Feb.	15
*OROYA	6057	E. E. Lavington	Feb.	27
*ORIZABA	6077	G. F. Dixon	Mar.	12
*ORIENT	5365	H. G. Darby	Mar.	26
*ORMUZ	6031	W. E. White, R.N.R.	April	9
*OROTAVA	5552	R. Studdert	April	23
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OCEANIEN	Piaschi	Jan. 25	Jan. 28
POLYNESIEN	L. Boulard	Feb. 27	Mar. 1
YARRA	H. de Maubeuge	Mar. 25	Mar. 28
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Rodondo (Howard Smith's), Wednesday, Dec. 30, noon.
Adelaide (Adelaide Co.'s), Saturday, Jan. 2, 1 p.m.
Buninyong (Howard Smith's), Tuesday, Jan. 5, 5 p.m.
Innamincka (Adelaide Co.'s), Saturday, Jan. 9, 1 p.m.

ADELAIDE and WEST AUSTRALIA (from Melbourne)—
Steamer (Adelaide Co.'s), Jan. 8.
Steamer (Huddart Parker's), early.

BRISBANE and QUEENSLAND PORTS—
Cintra (A.U.S.N. Co.'s), Wednesday, Dec. 30, noon.
Leura (Howard Smith's), Saturday, Jan. 2, noon.

BRISBANE, MARYBOROUGH, BUNDABERG, GLADSTONE, and ROCKHAMPTON—
Eurimbla (A.U.S.N. Co.'s), Saturday, Jan. 2, 10 a.m.
Buninyong (Howard Smith's), Tuesday, Dec. 29, 5.
Konoowarra (Howard Smith's), Tuesday, Jan. 5, 5 p.m.
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Barcoo (A.U.S.N. Co.'s), Saturday, Jan. 2, noon.
Arawatta (A.U.S.N. Co.'s), To-morrow, Dec. 29, 11 a.m.
Rodondo (Howard Smith's), Wednesday, Dec. 30, noon.
Gabo (Howard Smith's), Saturday, Jan. 2, noon.
Adelaide (Adelaide Co.'s), Saturday, Jan. 2, 1 p.m.
Innamincka (Adelaide Co.'s), Saturday, Jan. 9, 1 p.m.

NEW ZEALAND—
Manapouri (Union Co.'s), via Auckland, Dec. 31, 5 p.m.
Takapo (Union Co.'s), via Wellington, Jan. 5, 5 p.m.

NOUMEA, SUVA, and LEVUKA—
Birksgate (A.U.S.N. Co.'s), Wednesday, Jan. 6, 5 p.m.

PORT PIRIE (without transhipment)—
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PORT PIRIE—
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Wollongong, Kiama, Monday, midnight.
Ulladulla, Clyde, Bateman's Bay, Thursday, noon.
Moruya, Thursday, noon.
Ulladulla, Wednesday, noon; cargo, 11 a.m.
Merimbula, Eden, Bermagui, Wednesday, Saturday, noon.
Tathra, Wednesday, Saturday, noon; cargo, 11 a.m.
Pambula Goldfields, Wednesday, Saturday, noon.

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MANNING RIVER—Electra, Wednesday, 9 p.m.
PORT MACQUARIE—Wellington, Wednesday next.
NAMBUCCA RIVER—Rosedale, Wednesday, 9 p.m.
BELLINGER RIVER—Rosedale, Wednesday, 9 p.m.
BYRON BAY—Wyrallah, To-morrow, 7 p.m.

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For FIVE DOCK and BURWOOD.—8, 12, 1.15, 4.15, 5.15.

For GLADESVILLE, CABARITA, and CHISWICK—7, 9, 10 and 10*, 11, 12, 1.15, 2 and 2*, 3, 4.15, 5.15, 6.15, 7, 10.15, 11.15.

For HUNTER'S HILL, VILLA MARIA, DRUMMOYNE, COCKATOO, and LONGNOSE—7, 8, 9, 10 and 10*, 11, 12, 1.15, 2 and 2*, 3, 4.15, 5.15, 6.15, 7 (except Villa Maria), 8, 9.30, 10.15, 11.15.

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From PARRAMATTA PARK—7, 11, 12, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.

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From RYDE—7.40, 8.40, 11.40, 12.40, 1.40, 2.40, 3.40, 4.40, 5.40, 5.10 p.m.

From MORTLAKE, PUTNEY, TENNYSON—7.50, 8.50, 11.50, 12.50, 1.50, 2.50, 3.50, 4.50, 5.50, 8.20.

From FIVE DOCK, BURWOOD—7.40, 10.40, 1.40, 2.40, 5.40.

From GLADESVILLE and CHISWICK —8, 8.30, 9, 10, 11, 12, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8.55, 8.30.

From VILLA MARIA—7.5, 8.5, 8.35, 9.5, 10.5, 11.5, 12.5, 1.5, 2.5, 3.5, 4.5, 5.5, 5.5, 7, 9.5, 10.5.

From HUNTER'S HILL and DRUMMOYNE—8.15, 7.15, 8.15, 8.45, 9.15, 10.15, 11.15, 12.15, 1.15, 2.15, 3.15, 4.15, 5.15, 6.15, 7.10, 8.45, 9.15, 10.15, 11.15.

From COCKATOO and LONGNOSE—6.25, 7.25, 8.25, 8.55, 9.25, 10.25, 11.25, 12.25, 1.25, 2.25, 3.25, 4.25, 5.25, 6.25, 7.25, 8.25, 8.55, 9.25, 10.25.

PARRAMATTA RIVER STEAMERS, FROM KING-STREET FOR HUNTER'S HILL, DRUMMOYNE, COCKATOO, LONGNOSE—7, 8.10, 9, 9.30, 10*, 11, 12, 1 (Sat., 12.15, 1.15), 2*, 3, 4.15, 5.15, 5.45, 6.15, 7, 8, 9.30, 10.15, 11.15.

VILLA MARIA—Same as Hunter's Hill, except 7 p.m.

GLADESVILLE—7, 8.10, 9, 9.30, 10*, 11, 12, 1 (Sat., 12.15, 1.15), 2*, 3, 4.15, 5.15, 5.45, 6.15, 7, 10.15, 11.15.

FIVE DOCK, BURWOOD, CORREY'S—7, 9.30, 12, 1 (Sat., 12.15, 1.15), 5.15 (5.15 via Mortlake), (Tues., Thurs., 11.15).

MORTLAKE, &c.—7, 8.10, 9, 10*, 11, 1 (Sat., 1.15), 2*, 3, 4.15, 5.15, 6.15, 7, 10.15 (Mon., Wed., Fri., Sat., 11.15).

RYDE—7, 8.10, 9, 10*, 11, 1 (Sat., 1.15), 2*, 3, 4.15, 5.15, 7 (Tues., Thur., 10.15), (Mon., Wed., Fri., Sat., 11.15).

PARRAMATTA, &c.—9, 10*, 11, 1 (Sat., 1.15), 2*, 3, 5.15 p.m.

*These trips are from No. 4 Jetty, Circular Quay, only.

HUNTER'S HILL and LANE COVE RIVER STEAMERS LEAVE LIME-STREET, foot of Erskine-street, at 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, *12, 1.15, 2.15, 3.15, 4.15, 5.15, 6.15, 7.15, 8.15, 9.15, 10.15, 11.15.

FIG TREE, HUNTER'S HILL, 7, 8, 8.50, 10, 11, 12, 1.15, 2.15, 3.15, 4.15, 5.15, 6.15, 7.15, 8.15, 9.15, 10.15, 11.

SUNDAYS—LIME-STREET, 9, 10, 11, 12, 1.15, 2.15, 3.15, 4.15, 5.15, 6.15, 7.15, 9.30.

FIG-TREE, 9, 10, 11, 12, 1, 2.15, 3.15, 4.15, 5.15, 6.15, 7.15, 8.30.

Calling each way at GREENWICH, WOOLWICH, ATLAS WORKS, NORTHWOOD, LONGUEVILLE, SUNNYSIDE, ALEXANDRA-ST., RIVERVIEW, and DRUMMOYNE-ST.

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Available at all hours and till next day of issue. Saturday tickets available to Monday morning.
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The favourite and smart Clipper Ship PORT JACKSON, 2132 Tons Register, JAMES HODGE, Commander, is now receiving at the Central Stores, and will have quick despatch.

Already large engagements have been made.

The Ship will be Docked before sailing.

For Freight, &c., apply to GILCHRIST, WATT, and CO., Agents, 5 Young-street.

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The well-known 100 A1 Clipper SUPERB, 1367 tons, W. E. JONES, Master, will positively sail on 30th December.

For rates of freight apply to GIBBS, BRIGHT, and CO., 37 Pitt-street.

Wool received at Talbot's Stores.

CURRIE LINE OF STEAMERS.

STEAMSHIP ARGUS, from CALCUTTA, SINGAPORE, and JAVA.

CONSIGNEES are requested to PASS ENTRIES at once for A.U.S.N. Co.'s Wharf (late Grafton Wharf).

The steamer will not be responsible for any loss of or damage to cargo after same shall have been landed, and any goods impeding discharge will be entered, landed, and stored, at consignees' risk and expense.

Bills of Lading must be produced, Freight and Wharfage paid to the undersigned before any goods will be delivered.

COWLISHAW BROTHERS, Agents, 32 Pitt-street, Sydney.

SHIP SUPERB, for LONDON.

All ACCOUNTS against this ship must be rendered in duplicate at the office of the undersigned, before noon, on TUESDAY, the 29th instant, otherwise they will not be recognised.

GIBBS, BRIGHT, and CO., Agents.

WHARFAGE and STORAGE available on and from 1st JANUARY, 1892, at LIME-STREET WHARF, FOOT OF ERSKINE-STREET. TWO BERTHS for vessels up to 20 feet draft, at per trip, or longer as may be required. Large Storage space Vacant. Charges moderate. Inspection invited.

Apply H. D. PORTUS, Manager Newcastle S.S. Co., Limited.

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S.S. PORT DARWIN, from LONDON.

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GIBBS, BRIGHT, and CO., Agents.

COPPERSMITH, Brassfounder, Plumber, Manufacturer of Diving Gear. W. Robison, 67 Sussex-st.

HAVE your Luggage taken to steamer or rail by Sydney Transfer Company, 109 York-st.

MORT'S DOCK and ENGINEERING COMPANY, Limited.

WORKS—MORT'S BAY, BALMAIN.
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General Engineers, Boilermakers, Shipbuilders, Iron and Brass Founders, and Coppersmiths.

MANUFACTURERS of all kinds of MACHINERY for Gold, Silver, and Copper Mining; also of Patent Water-jacket Smelting Furnaces.

DRY DOCK capable of admitting VESSELS of 4500 TONS, also THREE PATENT SLIPS, viz., one to accommodate ships up to 2000 TONS, one for 1000-TON SHIPS, and one for LAUNCHES up to 50 TONS.

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REPAIRS to VESSELS, MACHINERY, and BOILERS executed with despatch on the shortest notice.

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PASSENGERS TO ENGLAND, via the Continent, and Others, are invited to inspect our IMMENSE STOCK of PORTMANTEAUS, TRUNKS, and BAGS, and OTHER TRAVELLING REQUISITES.

JOHN BRUSH, SON, and CO., Manufacturers and Importers of Every Description of SADDLERY and HARNESS, &c., opposite Royal Hotel, Sydney.

Public Notices.

CITY NIGHT REFUGE and SOUP KITCHEN.

The Committee of the above-named Institution return their sincere thanks to their numerous Friends and Subscribers for the opportunity afforded them for providing the usual Dinner on Christmas Day to the number of 215 persons.

THE ROUND HILL SILVER-MINING COMPANY, Limited.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

In consequence of the Board of Directors of the above company having decided to EXTEND the TIME allowed for the acceptance by the shareholders of the ALLOTMENT of newly created SHARES, the Scrip Certificates representing such shares will Not be Ready for Delivery until the first day of February, 1892.

JOHN BRANDON, Secretary.

30 Queen-street, Melbourne, 22nd December, 1891.

THE NEW CUSTOMS TARIFF.

JOHN HURST, WATCHMAKER and JEWELLER, is offering his fashionable and well-selected Stock at previous prices until January 10th, 1892.

AUSTRALIAN GASLIGHT COMPANY.

NOTICE.

FRIDAY, SATURDAY, and MONDAY, the 25th, 26th, and 28th instant respectively, being Public Holidays, the Head Office, Kent-street, and the Branch Offices, 96 Bathurst-street, and George-street, Parramatta, will be CLOSED.

Complaints will be attended to as usual in the Engineer's department.

W. JOHNSTON, Secretary.

Company's Office, Sydney, December 23, 1891.

CITY MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, Limited.

Established 1877.

Head Offices—95 Pitt-street.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.

The OFFICES of this Company will be CLOSED from THURSDAY, 24th instant, until TUESDAY, 29th instant.

ROBERT KERR, Manager.

Sydney, December 24, 1891.

SYDNEY PERMANENT FREEHOLD, LAND, AND BUILDING SOCIETY, Limited.

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

This Office will be CLOSED on FRIDAY, SATURDAY, and MONDAY, 25th, 26th, and 28th instant.

Borrowers and Land Purchasers' repayments will be received on TUESDAY, 29th instant, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

J. Y. KERR, Acting Secretary.

383 Pitt-street, Sydney, 24th December, 1891.

THE COLONIAL MUTUAL LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY, Limited.

The Office of this Society will be CLOSED for the Christmas holidays from THURSDAY, the 24th instant, until TUESDAY, the 29th instant.

By order of the Board.

P. VERNON ROSS, Assistant Secretary.

Colonial Mutual-buildings, 105 Pitt-street, Sydney, 24th December, 1891.

VICTORIA INSURANCE COMPANY, Limited. Offices, 83 Pitt-street.

NOTICE.

The Offices of this Company will be CLOSED on FRIDAY, SATURDAY, and MONDAY, the 25th, 26th, and 28th instant, for the Christmas holidays.

FREDK. J. JACKSON, Resident Secretary.

EQUITABLE PERMANENT B. BUILDING, LAND, and SAVINGS INSTITUTION.—Offices: Pitt and Park streets. SATURDAY and MONDAY, the 26th and 28th instant, being Public Holidays, these offices will be CLOSED.

WILLIAM CHADWICK, Manager.

METROPOLITAN MUTUAL PERMANENT BUILDING and INVESTMENT ASSOCIATION, Limited.

FRIDAY, SATURDAY, and MONDAY, the 25th, 26th, and 28th December, being PUBLIC HOLIDAYS, the OFFICES of the above Association will be CLOSED.

ROBERT W. CONWAY, Manager.

PUBLIC NOTICE.

Our Showrooms will be OPEN as usual for Business on MONDAY, the 28th instant, with a large and beautiful Stock of Novelties.

HARDY BROTHERS, Showrooms, 13 Hunter-street.

TO OUR FRIENDS THE PUBLIC.—Our STORES will be CLOSED on SATURDAY, the 26th instant, and OPENED as usual on MONDAY, the 28th instant.

WASHINGTON H. SOUL and CO., Pitt-street.

CALLAGHAN AND SON.—Our Establishment will be OPEN on Monday, the 28th instant, as usual. We have just opened large shipments of splendid new goods. 395 George-street, opposite Royal Hotel.

NOTICE.

Miss BARMIN of Mercantile Buildings, Haymarket, Sydney, begs to intimate to her Customers and the Public, that, owing to Alterations to Premises, business is UNAVOIDABLY SUSPENDED until the 4th January, 1892.

ARTISTIC PHOTOGRAPHY.

OPEN HOLIDAYS. 3 CABINETS, 5s. MURRELL and CO., 314 George-street, city.

XMAS HOLIDAYS.—Our Establishment will be Closed Sat. and Mon. Lobb, Hambly, and Co., 301 George-st.

LEGAL.—The Offices of Deane and Deane, Solicitors, CLOSED on Saturday and Monday next.

J. HUBERT NEWMAN'S Studio, 12 Oxford-st., will be open on Monday, 28th December.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC.

T. F. WIESENER, Jeweller, Watchmaker, and Optician, 334 GEORGE-STREET (between the G.P.O. and Hunter-street).

N.B.—Having landed all my Christmas Goods in November NO DUTY HAS BEEN ADDED. Freetrade Prices in Plain Figures.

TAKE NOTICE.—CLOSED on FRIDAY and SATURDAY, but OPEN on MONDAY.

WANTED, by a young Squatter in North Queensland, a Lady PARTNER, with not less than £2000 cash, to join in station, with view to marriage. For full particulars apply to

A. LYALL, Palmerville, via Cooktown, N. Queensland.

MACDONNELL and RODICK, OPTICIANS, WATCHMAKERS, and IMPORTERS of first-class Watches, Telescopes, Microscopes, Field and Opera Glasses, Spectacles, Surveying and Nautical Instruments, Magic Lanterns and Slides, in great variety.

Sole Agents for John Tann's SAFES and STRONGROOM DOORS.

Illustrated Lists on application. George and Bond streets, Sydney.

DR. C. H. SMITH-HOZIER has left England for Sydney, and will commence in a few weeks the Practice of his Profession as a SPECIALIST in Diseases of the THROAT, EAR, and NOSE, due notice of which will be given.

A. FUSEDALE, Tailor, 89 King-street near George-street, late Cutter to R. Burgis, Pitt-street.

MR. E. K. SATCHELL, Dentist, will be Absent from his Rooms MONDAY next, the 28th instant.

PUBLIC NOTICE.—2000 CHAIRS for HIRE. John Lawler and Sons, 608 George-st.

ENGLISH AGENCY.—The undersigned, established in London upwards of 40 years, confine themselves exclusively to a General Commission Business, are well acquainted with Australian requirements, and possess special facilities for purchasing goods to the best advantage in the English and Continental markets.

Indents should be accompanied by cash remittances or bank letters of credit, to ensure full trade discounts. Account sales of produce under consignment rendered promptly, and net proceeds remitted or invested to order.

The shipping department has been largely developed of late years, and where Indents are sent direct to manufacturers, the shipment and insurance of the goods is effected upon the most favourable terms.

B. S. LLOYD and CO., No. 75 Queen Victoria-street, London, E.C.

GREAT SELLING OFF of New Year Cards, To-day. C. E. Fuller and Co., 387 George-st.

Tenders.

BUILDERS AND CONTRACTORS. TENDERS given for Rolled Iron, Steel, combined, and Box Girders.

R. L. SCRUTTON and CO., 11 Pitt-street.

G. A. FORSYTH, Asphalt Contractor. Office, corner Pitt and Market sts.

IN THE ASSIGNED ESTATE OF B. POTTER, OF INVERELL, STOREKEEPER.

TENDERS are invited to the 5th January proximo for the PURCHASE of the following ASSETS herein:—

LOT 1.—Stock-in-Trade, consisting of Drapery, Clothing, &c.	£1,349 19 6		
Boots and Shoes	84 18 11		
Grocery, Crockery, and Ironmongery	620 7 2	£2,055 5 7	
LOT 2.—Doubtful Book Debts	735 10 4		
Bad	103 7 0	838 17 4	
LOT 3.—Fixtures and Working Plant		128 0 6	
LOT 4.—7-96 Interest Borah Creek Extended Silver Mine	70 0 0		
2-24 Interest in 40 Acres application for Lease, No. 91-68, Inverell	15 0 0		
1-18 interest Silver Gate Silver Mine	10 0 0	95 0 0	
		£3,167 3 5	

Stock Sheets can be seen at my office, Union-chambers, Pitt-street, or on the premises at Inverell. The highest or any tender not necessarily accepted. 10 per cent. must accompany the tender.

W. G. WHITING, Union-chambers, Pitt-street.

PAINTERS and Contractors.—White Lead, 28s 6d. Oils, 3s 6d gal.; Mixed Paints, 4½d lb.; Wall Paper, 2½d per roll; Varnish, 5s 6d gal.; 8-0 Brushes, 5s. glass cut 3d per foot; procurable only at 371 George-st., late Murphy's.

SYDNEY FEMALE REFUGE.

TENDERS for the undermentioned SUPPLIES for the year 1892 will be received up to noon on 31st instant. Address to the Honorary Secretary, Sydney Female Refuge, Pitt-street South:—

FUEL.—Coals, best screened, at per ton
Breeze, ditto
Wood, cut, ditto
BREAD—Best Wheaten, at 2lb loaf
MILK—At per quart
FLOUR—Superfine, at per lb. 100
POTATOES—At per cwt.
MEAT—Beef and Mutton, at per lb.
SOAP—Best yellow, at per cwt.
GROCERIES, &c.—Rice, at per cwt.
Tea, congou, at per chest
Starch, white, at per lb.
Stone blue, ditto
Washing Soda, at per cwt.
Clothes Pegs, at per box
Oatmeal, at per barrel
Salt, fine, at per cwt.
Bathbricks, at per dozen
Pearl Barley, at per lb.
Butter, fresh, ditto
Epsom Salts, ditto
Cream Tartar, ditto
Mustard, 1lb. bottles, at per dozen
Kerosene Oil, at per gallon.

All to be of the best quality, and delivered as instructed.

WM. CRANE, Hon. Secretary.

THE BROKEN HILL PROPRIETARY BLOCK 10 COMPANY, Limited.

TENDERS FOR PURCHASE OF SULPHIDE ORE.

TENDERS are invited for the Purchase of the whole or any portion of the Sulphide Ore stacked at the above Company's mine, situated at Broken Hill, N.S.W., estimated to contain 26,000 tons, assaying, say, 34oz. silver, 23 per cent. lead and 29 per cent. zinc, per ton.

The ore to be sampled in parcels of not less than 50 or more than 100 tons, and all sampling to be done at the Company's mine, and the weights to be determined on the Silverton Tramways Company's weighbridge.

PAYMENT for all parcels to be made in CASH upon agreement of assays. Tenders to state clearly the price offered per ton based on the abovementioned assays. Allowances to be made on both sides for any deviation therefrom.

The purchaser to remove not less than 500 tons per week.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

TENDERS (endorsed "Tenders for Sulphide Ore") will be received at the office of the Company, 30 Queen-street, Melbourne, up to noon of WEDNESDAY, the 6th day of January, 1892.

Dated at 30 Queen-street, Melbourne, this 22nd day of December, 1891.

By order of the Board.

JOHN BRANDON, Secretary.

TO FELLMONGERS AND SHIPPERS OF SHEEPSKINS.

The Directors of the Sydney Meat-preserving Company, Limited, invite TENDERS, to be sent to the undersigned, for the Whole of the Pelts of the Sheep killed during the month of January next at their works, Auburn.

If the successful tenderer wishes to dry the pelts the company's drying wires and sheds will be at his disposal, free of charge.

Tenders to state separate prices for ewe and wether pelts, as well as an all-round price for both.

Tenders will be opened at 11.30 A.M. on WEDNESDAY, the 30th INSTANT.

By order of the Board of Directors.

JOHN B. C. MILES, Secretary.

United-chambers, George and Hunter streets, Sydney, December 23, 1891.

TO CATERERS, HOTELKEEPERS, &c.

TENDERS will be received by the undersigned up to 4 p.m. on MONDAY, 28th December, 1891, for the Sole Right to Sell Liquor in the Leger Reserve at Rosehill on all race days during 1892.

Tenders to state price for pony raceday and horse raceday separately.

The highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

Full particulars on application to

G. B. ROWLEY, Secretary, Rosehill Racing Club.

20 Barrack-street, Sydney.

TO BUILDERS.

TENDERS will be received by the Secretary, Masonic Lodge, Bourke, up to the 5th January next (accompanied by deposit of £10), for the Erection of MASONIC HALL, Bourke.

Plans and specifications can be seen at the Masonic Hall, Castlereagh-street, Sydney.

TENDERS will be received up till noon of TUESDAY, January 5, 1892, for the Erection of a Schoolroom. Plans and specifications to be seen at Mr. J. Matthews's, New Canterbury-road, Petersham, from Monday, 28th.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

TENDERS wanted for Plastering and Cementing. Apply on job, Forsyth-st., Glebe.

TENDERS wanted for Carpenter's Work to House. Plans at 10 O'Connell-st., Sydney.

TENDERS wanted, for Cementing and Asphalting. Apply L. Sharkey, produce store, Leichhardt.

BLUE METAL, all gauges, SCREENINGS, GRAVEL and RIVER SAND, at lowest prices. EMU GRAVEL and ROAD METAL COMPANY, Limited, Norwich-chambers, Hunter-street.

TO SEWERAGE CONTRACTORS and ASPHALTERS.—1½in. BLUE METAL and Screenings by the load, as required. SALMOND and DENNE, 53 Cowper Wharf.

KIAMA BLUE METAL, machine-broken, all gauges, and Dry Screenings; also hand-broken. SALMOND and DENNE (late George Hill), 53 Cowper Wharf.

GREAT SELLING OFF of New Year Cards, To-day. C. E. Fuller and Co., 387 George-st.

Building Materials.

JUST Landed, ex Altcar, Dressed Baltic FLOORING, Lining, and Weatherboards, for SALE at lowest prices, wholesale or retail; cheapest in Sydney.

A. BURNS, Baltic Wharf.

GOODLET and SMITH, Limited, Saw and Joinery Mills, Pyrmont. Head Office, 493 George-street, near Bathurst-street. Branch Yard, 767 Harris-street, near Railway Station. Foreign and Colonial Timber, Doors, Sashes, Mouldings, &c., Galvanised Iron, Ridging, Guttering, and Down Piping.

PERFECT COOLER AND VENTILATOR. PUNKAHS SUPERSEDED.

No expense in keeping perishable goods. Greatest luxury in the hottest weather. The acme of ventilation without draught. So simple a child can set it in motion, and the price brings it within reach of most, while it works at a cost of half-penny per day.

Inspect the machines at work at St. James's-chambers, King-street, Sydney.

Hydraulic Cooling and Ventilation Company. Sole Agents—

T. A. KNIGHT and CO.

STANDARD MIXED PAINT.—By using this Paint 25 per cent. is saved in cost of material and labour. Supplied in all shades and sizes. Works—Cowper Wharf, Woolloomooloo.

AGRICULTURAL DRAIN PIPES, 1½, 2, 3, 4, and 6 inch; Flower Pots, all sizes, from 3-inch upwards. GOODLET and SMITH, Limited, Junction Brickworks, Granville; and 493 George-street, Sydney.

PITCH PINE Flooring, Logs, and Planks, just landed. Goodlet and Smith, Ltd., Sawmills, Pyrmont.

WANTED, a PAIR good GATES, 4 or 4½ ft. wide 6ft. high. State price,

114 Missenden-road, Camperdown.

KAURI DECK PLANKING, Boards, all sizes, Kauri Flooring, Lining, 1¼, 1, ⅞, ¾, T. and G.; Baltic, 1½, 1, ⅞, ¾, T. and G. Weatherboards; Northern H. W., all sizes, and cut to order; Tasmanian Blackwood, in logs and boards; Cedar, all sizes; Rosewood, Black Bean, Yellow Pine, Sugar Pine, Shelving, Cases. Redwood Shingles, Oak Shingles, Palings, seasoned Redwood, all sizes; Turnery, American Doors, all sizes, at lowest rates. Band Sawing done.

W. S. FREDDEY, Sawmills, 90 Erskine-street.

Business Cards.

ARTIFICIAL TEETH.—Marshall Bros., Dentists, 141 Elizabeth-st., near Market-st. Gas administered.

A CARD.—The FIRST PRIZE and Highest Award for Mechanical Dentistry at the SYDNEY INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION, the N.S.W. Agricultural Exhibition Medal for 3 years successively, the London International Medal, and the Philadelphia Centennial Medal for Artificial Teeth, has been gained by Mr. JOHN SPENCER against all competitors. PAINLESS EXTRACTION by the aid of Nitrous Oxide Gas.

Mr. JOHN SPENCER, 44 Wynyard-square North.

Business Announcements.

JOHN Houghton, Accountant, Auditor, Average Adjuster, 53 Queensland Offices, 16 Bridge-st., Sydney.

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CHRISTMAS PRESENTS, CHRISTMAS CARDS, NEW YEAR'S GIFTS.

A Splendid Selection of NEW GOODS at LESS THAN COST PRICE.

Call in, and see for yourself the Great CLEARING SALE at W. M. MACLARDY'S, 319 George-st.

MONEY. I have a considerable SUM for Investment at 5 per cent. on first-class security.

A. M. SEVERN, Norwich-chambers, Hunter-street.

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ACADEMY FOR BANJO AND GUITAR AND MANDOLINE, 5 Hunter-st.

A HOME.—Boarding-school for Girls.—The College, Carlingford, Parramatta Heights, surrounded by orchards, one hour's trip from Sydney. Carlingford coach passes college gates. Prin., Miss Wildman. Resume Jan. 18.

AILANTHUS COLLEGE, William-street, Darlinghurst.—Principals: The Misses GILLAM, assisted by Professors and Governesses. Studies resumed on the 20th January. Prospectus on application.

ARGYLE SCHOOL, ARTHURLEIGH. 166-168 ALBION-STREET, SURRY HILLS. SCHOOL will REOPEN, JANUARY 18. At home Wednesday. EMILY C. BAXTER.

GOODWILL of very profitable Tuition Practice, city, for immed. Sale, founded 12 years. 7 Vi, Herald.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL, Springwood, Blue Mountains.—Next Quarter commences the 2nd February, 1892. Prospectuses, &c., on application.

F. A. PARKER, Head Master.

MANUAL of Public Examinations 1892.—Price 1s 6d, post 1s 9d. Turner and Henderson, Hunter-st.

MONS. R. DESJARDINS, Piano, Singing, Harmony, visits schools and pupils. 335A George-st.

MME. CECILIA SUMMERHAYES will be absent from town during CHRISTMAS VACATION.

Pianoforte and Singing Lessons will be resumed MONDAY, January 25. Applications from intending pupils to be sent to the BROADWOOD ROOMS, 335A George-street.

ROTHESAY SCHOOL, CARLTON, near Kogarah.—New term, 25th January. Prospectus on application. Vacancies for two boarders. At home Thursdays, 7th, 14th, and 21st January. ROSE WILSON.

SCHOLASTIC.—An experienced competent and successful master, with unexceptionable colonial and English references, is open to an immediate Engagement as Teacher, Tutor, or Coach. Clericus, Box 190, G.P.O.

STEPNEY COLLEGE, High School and Kindergarten for young ladies. Principal, Mrs. Lionel Phillips, assisted by certificated teachers. Special class for little boys. Vacancies for boarders. New term, 18th January.

THE SCHOOL, MOUNT VICTORIA.

A Boarding School for Boys. Limited 60.

Healthy climate, liberal table, regular evening lessons. The course of study is that prescribed for the Junior University Examination, including Bookkeeping and Shorthand.

SPECIAL ATTENTION is paid to Writing, Spelling, Composition, and Arithmetic. All boys learn drill and dancing.

Terms, inclusive of washing, mending, &c., £11 11s a quarter. Quarter dates from day of entrance.

Nine pupils passed Junior Examination 1890.
Twelve pupils passed Junior Examination 1891.
School reopens 18th January, 1892.

H. G. RIENITS, Principal.

Mr. RIENITS may be seen by parents of pupils on WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, and FRIDAY, 13th, 14th, and 15th January, 1892, at Mr. Thompson's Book Shop, 62 Erskine-street, Sydney, from 2 to 5 p.m.

Municipal Council Notices.

Town Clerk's Office, Sydney, 25th December, 1891.

CLOSING TOWN HALL OFFICES.

The TOWN HALL OFFICES will be CLOSED to the public from FRIDAY, the 25th instant, to SATURDAY, the 2nd January next, inclusive.

Officers will be in attendance daily to deal with any urgent matter.

HENRY J. DANIELS, Town Clerk.

BOROUGH OF BURWOOD.

NOTICE is hereby given that a PLAN and SECTIONS showing the ALTERED LEVELS of the undermentioned streets as they approach the Wentworth-road Bridge (late Driver's-road) are now lying at the Council-chambers, Conder-street, Burwood, for inspection by persons interested therein, during office hours, viz., 4 to 5.30 p.m. daily, Saturday excepted, and will so remain for 14 days from this date. All objections to the altered levels must be lodged with the undersigned within the said 14 days, otherwise such alterations shall be adopted.

WENTWORTH-ROAD (late Driver's-road)
MORWICK-STREET
RAILWAY PARADE, East and West of the Bridge at Wentworth-road.
RAILWAY CRESCENT.

W. REDFEARN, Council Clerk.

Council-chambers, Burwood, 24th December, 1891.

Medical, Chemicals &c.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S GIFTS for your WIVES, DAUGHTERS, SWEETHEARTS and FRIENDS.

VERY CHOICE AND USEFUL.

From the best English, American, and French Manufacturers, including Atkinson's, Colgate's, Rickeetter's, Roger and Galet's, Pinaud's FINEST PERFUMERY and OTHER GOODS, in Boxes, Cartoons, and Beautifully-made Baskets.

Also Boxes of the BEST-MADE CHOCOLATES, each kind and maker, from 5s to 35s each. as also a LARGE BOTTLE of the BEST-MADE CONFECTIONERY for the children, FOR ONE WEEK ONLY, at Sixpence each. They will be sold free of duty up to the 31st December, and then from 10 per cent. to 25 per cent. WILL BE PAID for all NEW GOODS, such as THE ABOVE.

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CHOICE SILVER CARD CASES, Cigarette Cases, Purses, Match Boxes, Chatelaines, Thimbles.
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ELEGANT PERFUMERY, Roger and Gallet's, Paris; Oger's, Paris; Atkinson's, Crown Perfumery, &c.
CHOICE SOAPS, Choice French, Pears', Philippson's.
DELICATE TOILET POWDERS, Tooth Paste, Elixir Dentifrice.
OUR SPECIAL EAU-DE-COLOGNE, the most Perfect Water that can be purchased. See that it bears our special label. Small Bottle, 2s 6d. Wicker Bottle—pint 3s 9d, qt. 15s 6d.
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MAIZE, POTATOES, CHAFF. We have REMOVED to No. 4 CORPORATION STORES, SUSSEX-STREET. Some of our prices to-day:—Maize, ex wharf, 2s 3d; ex store, 2s 4d. WX Chaff. Tasmanian Straw, 2s 9d cwt. Green Chaff, 4s 6d. Sound Old Potatoes, 1s. Primest qualities only.

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THE OCEANA SILVER-MINING COMPANY, No Liability.

NOTICE is hereby given that a CALL (the second) of sixpence per share has This Day been made on the Contributing Shares in this company (numbered from 50,001 to 100,000), due and payable to the Manager at the registered office, 47 Market-street, Melbourne, on WEDNESDAY, the 13th day of January, 1892.

Country shareholders are requested to add exchange to their cheques or remit by bank draft or post-office order.

Shareholders will please give the name on the scrip, and the consecutive numbers of the shares they hold, or forward scrip certificates, which will be returned marked "Second call paid."

By order of the Board,

E. H. WHITEMAN, Manager.

Melbourne, 24th December, 1891.

IMPERIAL BROKEN HILL SILVER-MINING COMPANY, No Liability.

NOTICE.

ALL SHARES in the above-named Company upon which the 25th Call of One Penny per Share, due 11th November last, remains unpaid are forfeited, and will be sold by public auction at the Company's Office, Prell's-buildings, 70 Queen-street, Melbourne, on MONDAY, the 4th day of January, 1892, at noon, unless previously redeemed and expenses paid thereon.

H. M. HAMILTON, Manager.

Melbourne, December 23, 1891.

Businesses for Sale.

IVAN HENRY.—HOTEL, city, 7 years' lease, rent £3, corner stand; newly papered, painted, cleaned, and repaired throughout. A smart couple with £150 can secure this. 119 King-street.

IVAN HENRY.—HOTEL, suburbs, 10 years' lease, large garden, paddocks, and outhouses, billiard and lodge rooms, commanding corner. £400 secures this valuable business; see at once. 119 King-street.

COUNTRY STORE, STOCK as under:—

Drapery	...	£1000
Boots	...	300
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Ironmongery	...	100
		£1800
Cash Sales last six months	...	£3300 19 7
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This Business is situated in picked position of the most advancing town in N.S.W. The district is unsurpassed for climate and fertility, and is one of the few where immediate development is taking place and consolidating its trade in the town in question, which naturally means a rapid rise in commercial importance. Rent 50s, on lease. Nice Cottage Dwelling. Fullest details from Butler Bros., 60 King-st.

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NEEDHAM and CO., 19 Elizabeth-street, offer Boarding Establishment, centre city, 10 rooms, substantially furnished, easily managed, boarders taking breakfast only; always full, at remunerative rates.

BOARDING-HOUSE, close city, 8 rooms, 10 permanent boarders, good furniture, genuine. Needham.

BOARDING-HOUSE, Redfern, 7 rooms, rent 21s, 6 permanent boarders, £55, part cash. Needham & Co.

LODGING-HOUSE, Hyde Park, 9 rooms, rent 30s, always full, 12 lodgers, income £3 5s. Needham.

NEWS Agency and Stationery, 1000 dailies, shop takings £20 weekly, shop, 5 rooms, rent 25s. Needham.

DAIRY, tram suburb, house, 4 rooms, rent 16s, 25 cows, 2 horses, 3 carts, and harness. Needham & Co.

GROCERY, &c., centre city, established 20 years, trade £30 weekly, proof, sound. Needham and Co.

NEEDHAM and CO., 19 Elizabeth-st.—Confectionery, &c., tram route, £14 weekly, £60 everything.

AUCTIONEER'S and Estate Agency BUSINESS, large connection, populous town not far from Sydney, very old-established; proprietor wishes to retire; excellent opportunity for those who are experienced in the business; small capital only required. Apply in the first instance (principals only) by letter to

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RARE CHANCE.—For Immediate SALE, MANUFACTORY (textile), combined with ready cash business, very easy to manage, established 30 years, a certain competency. F70, Herald Office.

A HIGH-CLASS French Staymaking and Costumier's BUSINESS, situate in leading thoroughfare, Melbourne, elegantly fitted, doing large and profitable trade; sole reason for selling, proprietor leaving for Europe; price, with stock, about £300. F. PARK, 393 Bourke-street, Melbourne, Victoria.

FOR SALE, first-class Boarding-house, part or whole of furniture. 22 Botany-st., Moore Park.

BUSINESSES of every description, Sydney and suburbs, for SALE. James and Co., 110 Liverpool-st.

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MARSHALL'S TONIC NERVINE for appetite.
MARSHALL'S TONIC NERVINE for digestion.
MARSHALL'S TONIC NERVINE for strength.
MARSHALL'S TONIC NERVINE, free from injurious drugs.
MARSHALL'S TONIC NERVINE. 2s and 3s 6d. Refuse substitutes.

Personal.

ADAM WIGHTMAN.—Send Address to Murrurundi friend, imp't. Jack, Edgecliffe P.O., Woollahra.

ALICE Dear,—Rheumatism gone; got bottle Balm from the Dental King, George and Goulburn sts.

BARREN JOY, Saturday.—Will Ada come and see Ralph, or will Ralph come and see Ada?

BERTIE,—Sorry disappointed you; will take your advice; have tooth extracted by Denton King to-night.

DRINK C. OERTEL'S Delicious LEMONADE, from Australian lemons. Cordial Works, 403 Pitt-st.

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FIFTY POUNDS REWARD.—ARCHIBALD RICHARDSON, last heard of in 1878, when letters were addressed to him at Post-office, Crossover Creek and Brandy Creek, Gippsland, Australia. The above reward will be paid for information as to his present address, if living, or, if dead, for particulars and proof of same. HARCOURT and SON, Solicitors, 11 and 13 Wool Exchange, Basinghall-street, London, E.C.

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MARION'S Modern Artistic PHOTOS, at popular prices. Corner George and Market streets.

MRS. DR. LLOYD, ACCOUCHEUSE, may be consulted on all the Maladies of Women—and the Accommodation for RESIDENT PATIENTS be inspected—daily from 11 to 3 (Saturdays 11 to 1), and 7 to 9 every evening, or by letter. Special medical attendance if required.

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SPARKLING Maltrank, New Summer Drink, excels in flavour and wholesomeness. C. Oertel, 403 Pitt-st.

STRAW HAT, Christmas Eve, Waverley Tram,—Hope to see you again. Grey Dress.

SECRET OF A BEAUTIFUL FACE, Registered. —This elegant Parisian Toilet Preparation forwarded to any address on receipt of 5s 6d. MAYNE, Chemist, 203 Oxford-street, Sydney.

THE Dental King Consulting Rooms, American Dental Institute, 492 George-st. Hours, 10 to 12 a.m.

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WANTED, 1000 Decayed Teeth. Dental King. Free Extractings, George and Goulburn sts., To-night.

WOULD JOHN SHERLOCK, late of Milltown House, Banagher, Ireland, communicate with his Nieces, late of the same place, who are most anxious to hear from him. Address Post-office, Barcaldine, Q. C. Railway, Queensland.

Lost and Found.

LOST, Saturday, a Gold BRACELET in tram or Coogee Bay, reward. 608 George-st., city.

LOST, Double Bay, white Newfoundland DOG, black ears. L. T. Flett, Grove, Queen-st., Woollahra.

LOST, in Town Hall, last Friday night, small Gold BROOCH, reward. E. Cunningham, 20 Clarence-st.

LOST, Lady's Watch and Guard, between Circular Quay and Oxford-st. Finder rew. 3 Gordon-st., D'hurst.

LOST, betw. Devonshire Elizabeth sts., Christmas Eve night, lady's Gold Dress Ring. Rew. 416 Eliz.-st.

LOST, Manuscript Book, contg. tables of computations. Reward Lyell, Allard, and Butler, 66 Pitt-st.

LOST, tramline, Christmas night, PURSE, 2 keys, earring, silver. Reward, 1 Hargrave-st., Paddington.

LOST, Lower George-street, PURSE, containing two £10-notes; numbers known; also Cheque for £—, payment stopped. Handsome reward. Mr. THOMAS, restaurant, George-street.

LOST, Christmas morning, in or near St. Andrew's Cathedral, silver Chain PURSE; reward.

T. T. JAMES, Jeweller, George-street.

LOST, in the half-past 7 boat from Manly, a lady's open-faced Silver WATCH; handsome reward. Apply to Wern, West-street, Petersham.

LOST, on Friday last, a Fox-terrier PUP (female), black-and-tan head, black spot on left side; reward. Arden, Forsyth-street, Glebe Point.

LOST, on Randwick Racecourse Boxing Day, Gold PENCIL-CASE, initials A. H. M., 1880; handsome reward. A. H. MACARTHUR, 67 Macleay-street, Potts Point.

LOST, on Friday evening, corner of Begg and Oxford streets, Paddington, White Poodle DOG. Reward. Apply MAYNE, Chemist, 203 Oxford-street, opposite Court-house.

LOST, on Forrest or Cook's River-road, Saturday, a lady's black Broadcloth WRAP, with gold Passementerie Yoke and Collar. Reward. H. EDWIN MOORE, Australia Hotel, Castlereagh-st.

LOST, between Bondi and Waverley, PURSE, containing Association Ground Ticket, chain, &c. Reward at Cotswold, opposite Post-office, Bondi.

LOST, on Saturday evening, Gold Beetle BROOCH, with diamond eyes, between Denison-street, Waverley, or in Bondi or Waverley tram, or between Bogey-street, Glenmore-road, or Brown-street. Finder rewarded on returning to 41 Boston-terrace, Glenview-street, Paddington.

ONE Pound Reward.—Lost, Lady's Gold Brooch, betw'n Mosman's Bay and Ult. 225 Crown-st., Ult.

ONE Pound Reward.—Lost, roan COW, on point of calving, branded WM over O. D Buffier, St. P'rs.

REWARD, 5s.—Lost, Boxing Day, Manly, silver-m'nted Bean Matchbox, initials W. B. H. 107, Glb.-rd.

REWARD.—Lost, green Canary, yellow spot on head and underneath. 6 Nickson-st., Surry Hills.

STRAYED from Auburn, brown Mare, winkers on, blotched ar. shoulder. Rew. 47 Gould-st., Chippendale.

TEN SHILLINGS Reward.—Bay HORSE, hind feet white, branded near shoulder like — over WR. Corner Morris and Lorne streets, Summer Hill.

Drapery, Haberdashery, &c.

OPEN TO-DAY AS USUAL.

QUESTIONS FOR THE PEOPLE, affected by neither Protectionist Profundities nor Freetrade Fallacies, mixed up with no political issue, but touching THE GREAT SOCIAL PROBLEM very nearly.

Ask the People WHERE THEY GET MOST FOR THEIR MONEY?

Ask the People WHERE IS THE GREATEST VARIETY AND THE BEST SHOW?

Ask the People WHO SELLS EVERYTHING, AND WHO SELLS CHEAPER THAN ANYONE ELSE?

Ask the People WHERE THEY CAN GO IN FOR FASHION, AND AT THE SAME TIME NOT VIOLATE THE PRINCIPLES OF ECONOMY?

Ask the People WHERE THEY ARE ALWAYS SERVED WELL, WHERE THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS DISAPPOINTMENT?

Ask the People WHERE IT IS THAT SHOPPING IS A PLEASURE, AND BUSINESS A DELIGHT?

Ask the People WHICH IS THE BONNIEST AND BEST STORE IN AUSTRALIA?

There will be no hesitation, the answer will come quickly, surely, and certainly; there will be a universal chorus from all sides, and people of all creeds, classes, denominations, and shades of political opinion, buyers of Sugar and Tea, purchasers of Silk Dresses and Cotton Gowns, folks who wear Broadcloth and people who don't, rich and poor, idle and busy, amateur politicians and professional posts, movers of resolutions and framers of bills, premiers, treasurers, postmen, and solicitors, all kinds of people within the social ring or belonging to the scheme of civilisation within these colonies, will cry

ANTHONY HORDERN and SONS, PALACE EMPORIUM, HAYMARKET (ONLY), UNIVERSAL PROVIDERS, CLOSE TO THE RAILWAY STATION.

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NEW YEAR'S GIFTS (repeated down the left side)

E. WAY and COMPANY.
Temporary Premises: 448 GEORGE-STREET.
Pretty NEW YEAR'S GIFTS TO-DAY.
And the PRICES "SO CHEAP."
Country Visitors.—Don't you leave Sydney before calling and inspecting our LOVELY STOCK of NEW GOODS.
And "WE ARE SELLING CHEAPER THAN EVER."
E. WAY and COMPANY, General Drapers, 448 GEORGE-STREET.

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Miscellaneous.

LEFT-OFF Clothing bought, 100 per cent. over all dealers. Letters attended. A. Barnett, 289 Elizabeth-st.

LEFT-OFF Clothing.—Clothing bought. Letters attended by Mr. and Mrs. White, 29 Liverpool-st.

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Government Railways.

New South Wales Government Railways,
Secretary's Office, Sydney, 19th December, 1891.

TENDERS for the Works, &c., specified below will be received at the Railway Commissioners' Office until 12 o'clock noon on the dates mentioned.

TUESDAY, 22nd DECEMBER.

The Manufacture and Supply of 500 SCREW COUPLINGS, also of 300 SETS of STANDARD DRAW GEAR for WAGGONS. Particulars Chief Mechanical Engineer's Office, Eveleigh.

The Supply of BRASS AND GUN-METAL CASTINGS REQUIRED DURING 1892 BY THE INTERLOCKING BRANCH. Estimated quantity, 30 to 35 cwt. Preliminary deposit £5. Further particulars Interlocking Engineer's Office, Redfern Station.

The ERECTION, RIVETING-UP, and COMPLETION of the IRONWORK in the VIADUCT over LONG COVE CREEK, PETERSHAM. Particulars Existing Lines Office, 84 Bridge-street, Sydney.

MONDAY, 4th JANUARY, 1892.

THE PURCHASE OF A QUANTITY OF OLD SPRINGS AND OLD SPRING STEEL lying near the Works Managers' Office, Eveleigh. Particulars, Works Manager, Eveleigh.

NOTE.—The Commissioners do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any tender. For further particulars see Government Gazette, a copy of which is kept at every Post-office.

Amusements

JOHN F. SHERIDAN'S VIENNA SUMMER GARDEN ENTERTAINMENTS.

DARLINGHURST HALL, TO-NIGHT, and EVERY EVENING.

JOHN F. SHERIDAN.

SATURDAY'S INAUGURAL ENTERTAINMENT Submitted, Accepted Unanimously, Appreciated, and Endorsed, with the sign manual of public approbation BY DELIGHTED THOUSANDS (with the accent on the thousands).

JOHN H. SHERIDAN'S NEW DUET PING-A-PONG PING-A-PONG. Four Emphatic recalls.

VIENNA VIENNA SUMMER SUMMER GARDEN GARDEN ENTERTAINMENTS ENTERTAINMENTS.

Miss AMANDA CORCORAN, the New Soprano. A welcome Acquisition. A VOICE of WONDROUS SWEETNESS.

Miss GRACIE WHITEFORD'S NEW SONG, MY KEY. Four recalls, and NEW DUET, PING-A-PONG PING-A-PONG. Four Emphatic recalls.

60 THE GRAND ORCHESTRA 60
Conductor, Mr. A. ROBERTSON.

The respectful attention, keen and critical interest, and the cheers with which the various selections were received on Saturday evening is proof positive that the "ORCHESTRA" is entitled to the appellation "GRAND."

A long-felt want supplied.
VIENNA SUMMER GARDEN.
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PARADISE FOUND.
PARADISE FOUND.
MILTON IMPROVED (by SHERIDAN).

BOVIS BROTHERS, Charles and William. Vociferous Plaudits Greeted their Challenge Acrobatic Sand Dance.

BLAIR SISTERS, DAISY Artistic, Refined, and Graceful Duettists and Dancers. Three Recalls. Three Recalls.

THE BLAIR SISTERS. Rosie and Daisy, Artistic, Refined, and Graceful Duettists and Dancers WARMLY WELCOMED. Three Times Recalled Recalled Recalled.

The Début in Sydney of A NEW ACROBATIC, Mr. JULES SIMONSEN, will, judging by the spontaneous cheering, be marked as an epoch in the musical world.

A VOICE OF MARVELLOUS CALIBRE.
Miss Maude Leamington (success). Miss Stella Tudor (success). Miss Mildred Trigge (success). Miss Hettie Williams (success). Miss Alice Austin (success). Mr. Burton Murphy (success).

Baritone Ballads beautifully Vocalised by Mr. RICHARD W. NYNDCHKE.

THE LITTLE PEACH
(the mournfully funny duet),
impatiently clamoured for, joyfully received, and the rendition of the same enthusiastically but emphatically redemanded from

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The reception awarded to these artistes shows that they have attained the
ACME OF POPULAR FAVOURITISM.
SPECIALTY NOVELTY.
Original Vocal, Dramatical, Spectacular BALLET, THE ZOUAVES.
New and Original Music by Mr. J. A. ROBERTSON, Conductor.
Gorgeous Dresses, Mechanical Effects, Military Evolutions, Musket Drill, &c.
LYRIC by Mr. BURTON ROYLE.
Costumes designed by and made under the supervision of Mrs. Kate Whitefurd.
Drillmaster, Mr. Joseph Thwaites, N. S. W. Artillery.

VIENNA SUMMER GARDEN.—Visitors, after paying at the box office (paying is synonymous of Free List) will be landed in Sydney's most Perfect Vienna Garden Elysium. "Cool blow the breezes, and gently waits the wind."

Elaborate Decorations. 1000 Chairs, Lounges, and Settees. A Promenade where three thousand can meander with ease and comfort.

Ladies' Retiring Rooms. Gentlemen's Smoking Saloons. Refreshment Alcoves.

EVERYTHING BRIGHT, LIGHT, INSPIRITING, and CONDUCIVE TO DATE. The Vienna Summer Garden Entertainments pleasing to the eye, attractive to the ear, revivigorating and relaxing to the mind.

Admission Tariff—Seats, Lounges, and Promenade, Two Shillings; Orchestra Chairs, Three Shillings.

Doors open at 7.30, commence at 8.
Director and Manager, JOHN F. SHERIDAN. Representative, FRED. R. NORTON.
FRED. W. DUVAL (Agents) W. G. ALLAN.

CRITERION Theatre.—Matinee, This Afternoon, 2.30, Juvenile Opera Company. Pirates of Penzance.

CLONTARF.
THIS DAY, MONDAY, 28th December.
GRAND FAMILY EXCURSION.

Sports for old and young. Dancing in the finest pavilion in the colony; admission, 1s. Imperial Brass Band engaged. Fleet of Steamers from No. 2 Jetty, Circular Quay, at 9.30 a.m., every half-hour to 2.45 p.m.; last trip from Clontarf, 6 p.m.

HOT and COLD WATER FREE.

ALL KINDS OF REFRESHMENTS at Moderate Charges.

Return Tickets:—
Adults, 1s 6d;
Children under 8 years, free.

SHAMROCK CLUB.—FAMILY PICNIC TO ATHOL GARDENS, TO-DAY.

Steamers from Floating Jetty, Circular Quay, at short intervals. Tickets, 2s.
P. J. BARRY, Sec.

THIS DAY, MONDAY (PUBLIC HOLIDAY),
POPULAR OCEAN and RIVER EXCURSION
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Lessee ... Messrs. Hegarty and Shaw.
BABY SHOWS TO BE HELD IN THE AUSTRALIAN COLONIES AND NEW ZEALAND.
PRIZES AMOUNTING TO £2500.
FIRST SHOW will take place NEXT FRIDAY, 1st JANUARY, 1892, FOR FIVE DAYS AND NIGHTS, commencing at 2 p.m.
Prizes to be distributed as follows:—
NEW SOUTH WALES, £500
VICTORIA, £500
QUEENSLAND, £350
SOUTH AUSTRALIA, £350
HOBART AND LAUNCESTON, £350
NEW ZEALAND, £500.
SPECIAL PRIZE for the CHAMPION BABY of New South Wales, £100.
£100 £100 £100.
Special Prize set apart for Triplets, £20.
Special Prize set apart for Twins, £15.
Prizes set apart for Class A, B, C, D, E, F, Male and Female Babies, amounting to £150.
Also, Twenty-five £1 Prizes.
All Entries will be received at the Office of the Rink, Daily, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. till THURSDAY NEXT, the 31st December, at which date all entries close.
Entries by post from Country Towns addressed Manager Skating Rink, York-street.
The Management have come to the conclusion that no Entrance Fee will be charged to the little Darlings.
Admission to all parts of the Rink, One Shilling.
For full particulars see Tuesday's and following days' papers.
M. HEGARTY,
General Manager.

INTERCOLONIAL JUNIOR CRICKET MATCH
—NEW SOUTH WALES v. VICTORIA.
On AGRICULTURAL GROUND, Moore Park,
THIS MONDAY, 28th.
Play will commence at noon.
Centennial Band engaged.
Trams run to the Ground gates.

ASSOCIATION CRICKET GROUND.
HIGHLAND SOCIETY of N.S.W.
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NEW YEAR'S DAY
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FRIDAY, JANUARY 1.
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HIGHLAND GATHERING SPORTS
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Gates open at 9 a.m. Sports to commence at 10 a.m.
SPECIAL TRAMS will run direct to the Ground; fare, 2d each person (by ticket). ALL CARTS must be OFF THE GROUND by 9 a.m.
FOOT RACES, OBSTACLE RACES, BOYS' RACES, HIGHLAND DANCING, &c., &c.
Admission to Ground, 1s; Grand stand, 1s extra.
Children half-price.
By order of the Trustees,

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POLITICAL.

Several private bills have been read the third time and passed by the Legislative Council during the past fortnight. These include the Casino School of Arts Enabling Bill, the St. John's College Enabling Bill, and the Australian Gaslight Company's Electric Lighting Bill. The Government Railways Contract Bill has been similarly disposed of, and the Medical Bill, another proposal piloted by the Government, has been passed through committee with amendment. The Attorney-General moved the second reading of the Electoral Reform Bill, the first of the measures in the programme of the Government, which was passed by the Lower House a fortnight ago. Sir Julian Salomons merely moved the resolution in a few words of explanation, but without any expression approving or disapproving of the measure. All the speakers, but especially Mr. Pilcher, Q.C., vigorously opposed the proposed one man one vote principle, and the intention to enfranchise persons akin to paupers, or the military and police. Neither did Mr. O'Connor, the Minister for Justice, commit himself to the measure, but confined his remarks to affirming that a certain section of public opinion was in favour of the bill in its entirety. The debate was adjourned for a week, and now that a holiday recess has been agreed upon, the Chamber decided to resume the discussion on the 20th January, when and for which purpose a call of the House is to be made. The Joint Stock Companies Compromise Bill passed through all its stages, and was forwarded to the Assembly in one day. The main principle of the bill is to empower the Court where the winding-up of a company had been ordered, to sanction an arrangement between the creditors and the company, and if three-fourths of the creditors come to an arrangement, the same would be binding on the rest of the creditors. It also aims at preventing any one creditor out of 200 or 300 creditors from either blackmailing the company to pay him in full, or from drawing the company into liquidation. An amendment introduced by the Legislative Assembly, which practically limits the operation of the measure to a period of four years, was concurred in. The Government, too, has in contemplation a measure which will deal comprehensively with matters relating to building, investment, and other societies. Another bill read the first time provides that henceforth, upon the happening of any vacancy in the office of President, the members of the Council shall, upon the first assembling of the Council after such vacancy, proceed forthwith to elect one of their number to be a president, who shall act without remuneration. The Council now stands adjourned until the 13th January, on which day the Minister for Justice will move for leave to bring in a bill to declare certain marriages valid, and to amend to law relating to marriages.

Setting on one side the debate on the Financial Statement, and the tariff resolutions submitted by the Government, there has been but little real work done in the Legislative Assembly since the last mail was despatched. A Law Practitioners Bill has been read the second time and passed through committee. The object of this bill is to open wider the avenues of admission to practise in the law, to prevent difficulties and delay in reaching the status of a legal practitioner, and to enable laymen to draw up conveyances and other documents of a legal character. A bill to render compulsory the closing of shops at a certain hour in the evening has also been passed through committee, and read the third time. The hour of closing fixed by the bill is 6 p.m. every day except Saturday, when the limit is extended to 10 p.m. The Minister for Public Instruction succeeded in securing an important amendment compelling shopkeepers to provide sitting accommodation for every employee. An employer is compelled to allow his hands sufficient time for meals—an hour for dinner every day, and in addition an hour for tea on Saturdays. Boys under the age of 14 and girls under the age of 15 are prohibited from working in shops unless they have been educated up to standard 5 in the Public Instruction Act. Those exempted from the early closing provisions are barbers, chemists, coffee-houses' proprietors, fruit, fish, oyster shops, and restaurants. Last Wednesday week the Standing Orders were suspended, and a bill was passed to authorise the issue of Treasury bills to the amount of £4,000,000. The Colonial Treasurer told the House that no one regretted more than he did having to ask the House to vote such an amount. But a number of public works had been authorised by a previous Administration, and this Government was placed in this position that it had to make provision for carrying them out; or failing that the credit of the country would be damaged, and large compensation would have to be paid to contractors who were already engaged in making these public works. The Government had given the matter full consideration, and had received the advice of some of the best financiers in the colony and in England, and had also consulted the Agent-General in London. It was advised that Treasury bills were the most expedient and most suitable way of finding the necessary means of carrying out these works. The maximum terms for which bills would be issued was four years, and the maximum interest 4½ per cent. This would enable the Government to obtain better terms than if a lower rate had been fixed. A motion has been carried in favour of all dredges, tugboats, punts, barges, and bridges required by the Government being built in the colony, and the preliminary step has been taken towards bringing in a bill to restrain the importation of aliens and other persons under contract to perform labour in New South Wales.

Without delay, the House on Tuesday, the 15th December, resolved itself into a Committee of Ways and Means, and resumed the debate on the financial statement. Arguments for and against the Government's fiscal proposals were set forth at great length by hon. members on each side of the House; but the debate evoked little interest unless the floor was occupied by a prominent member of the Assembly. Sir Henry Parkes was one of these, and he claimed attention from a full Chamber. He declared his intention of resisting to the utmost of his power, both in the House and in the country, the proposals of the Government, and blamed the Premier and his colleagues for introducing protection instead of proceeding with the proper business of the country. The Attorney-General followed the ex-Premier, and urged that a protectionist policy, and especially the adoption of the proposed Customs tariff, would lead to a strong desire for federation. Late on the following night, after the Treasury Bills Bill had been passed, the Government insisted on proceeding with the debate on the Budget speech. The Opposition protested until 5 o'clock in the morning, when the order of the day for resolving into committee was reached. Long before this hour, although not announced to the House, it was generally known by hon. members that a stubborn struggle was pending. The Government had decided that the financial proposals should be accepted as they had been submitted, and the Opposition, although not sanguine of carrying any division against the Government, had determined to resist the proposed interference with fiscal arrangements by every legitimate means of opposition. The fight began by an ex-Minister moving the adjournment of the House to enable himself and others to condemn the Government in forcing upon the country a protective tariff. By 3 o'clock in the afternoon this motion was negatived, the debate in the meanwhile having extended over a lot of previously covered ground. The House in committee, Mr. M'Millan resumed the debate on the Treasurer's statement, and supplemented his previous criticism by submitting figures to show that according to the Treasurer's own statement there must be £106,000 of under-estimated revenue, £125,000 which should be calculated in the Centennial Park account, and about £300,000 of savings which should be credited to the current year. This, he argued, would bring up a total of £531,000 against the £589,000 alleged deficit. The debate went on all through the night till 4 o'clock on Saturday morning, when a member of the Government moved the application of the closure, and the motion was carried by 46 to 24 votes. This closed the debate, amidst Government cheering and a counter demonstration from the Opposition. The House had been sitting then for over 35 hours, and members of the Opposition cried for an adjournment; but the Treasurer, obdurate against all appeals, formally moved the resolution imposing the new ad valorem duties. The leader of the Opposition rose to protest against such an unexpected course of action, but another member stopped all discussion by again moving the application of the closure, a resolution carried by 47 to 25 votes. This result was cheered by the Government supporters, and resented by the Opposition, who, headed by its leader, left the chamber in a body. The Treasurer's motion was next carried on a forced division by [illegible] votes to three. The House then rose at 5 on Saturday morning, after having sat continuously from half-past 4 on Thursday afternoon. Hon. members met again on Monday, when several motions moved by private members were passed by a listless House. On Tuesday the first Government business was a motion for the reception of the tariff resolutions. The leader of the Opposition led off with a debate against the proposal, and raised a point of order on the ground that a resolution of a similar character had already been negatived by the House during the current session. Debate lasting several hours followed, and then Mr. Speaker ruled that the resolutions of Ways and Means differed essentially from the abstract resolutions submitted to the House earlier in the session by irresponsible members, and therefore the resolutions before the House were in order. The leader of the Opposition proceeded to address the House on the main question, and there was every expectation that the discussion would be a second struggle lasting for hours, if not until well on towards Christmas eve. To the surprise of everyone, however, the debate collapsed a few minutes before midnight. The resolutions were received, and the Customs Bill founded thereon was read formally the first time. At its rising an hour later the House was adjourned until the 12th January, thus affording a three weeks' holiday recess.

SOCIAL.

His Excellency the Governor and the Countess of Jersey entertained the children of the Randwick Asylum on Wednesday, 9th instant, in the Inner Domain, and personally distributed good things to each. On the morning of Thursday, 10th instant, the Governor and the Countess of Jersey visited the new wool stores of Messrs. Goddes and Co., at Kirribilli Point. The Governor, as well as the Admiral, were present on the 15th instant at the distribution of prizes at the Church of England Grammar School at North Sydney. The next day his Excellency the Governor distributed the prizes at the Sydney Grammar School. On the same day the Governor inspected the works of the Fresh Food and Ice Company, and was afterwards entertained at luncheon. The Governor was present at the artillery sports held at Victoria Barracks on Tuesday last, and in the evening his Excellency attended a banquet which was held in connection with the Commercial Travellers' Association.

LEGAL.

On the 23rd instant the final sittings of the Supreme Court for the present year came to a conclusion, and the Judges are now enjoying the usual Christmas vacation. A short time ago Mr. Justice Owen, Chief Judge in Equity, who for a couple of months had suffered from severe indisposition, took his seat in the Equity Court. Members of the Bar were present in force to greet his Honor, and Mr. A. H. Simpson, as the senior barrister present, tendered congratulations to his Honor upon his restoration to health, and gave expression to the earnest wish that that health might be long preserved. His Honor returned thanks for these kind expressions, and then proceeded to express his indebtedness to Mr. Justice Manning for having undertaken the work in Equity jurisdiction, saying—"Of the work done by Mr. Justice Manning during my enforced absence, I have only to say that the record shows there are practically no arrears, and, as I understand, there are no appeals. That, I think, speaks volumes for the quantity and quality of the work done by Mr. Justice Manning during my absence, for which I beg to express to him my most sincere thanks." A somewhat peculiar action was tried in the No. 1 Jury Court recently. The plaintiff, Lewis Cohen, who gave his age as 81 years, sued the Registrar-General to recover compensation for the loss of an allotment of land at Burwood. It appeared that by a grant dated the 27th May, 1799, 25 acres of land at Burwood were given to William Faithful, who four years later sold the estate to Robert Campbell. In March, 1842, the plaintiff bought from Campbell the allotment in question, situated at the corner of Bruce and Wallace streets, Burwood, and he remained in possession until 1882. Some time about that year a man named Bernard Austaldt, unknown to the plaintiff, brought the land under the provisions of the Real Property Act, obtained a certificate of title, and subsequently sold the land to Robert Hudson, of Hudson Brothers. Austaldt being now in Germany, and therefore out of the jurisdiction of the Court, could not be sued, nor could the plaintiff proceed against Hudson, who was a bona-fide purchaser for value, and he sought under the 117th section of the Real Property Act to recover compensation from the guarantee fund of the Registrar-General. The Crown defended the action for the purpose of compelling the plaintiff to establish his title, and this having been done, a verdict by consent was given for £800.

DRAMA.

The few days preceding Christmas were remarkable for the fact that only two theatres were open in Sydney—the Criterion and the Garrick. At the former, Williamson's Juvenile Opera Company staged "The Pirates of Penzance," which was withdrawn on Boxing Night in favour of "La Mascotte," a piece produced with rich spectacular effects. The entertainments at the Garrick Theatre by the Cogill Brothers are being continued. The great events of the week have been the production of the two pantomimes. On Christmas Eve Mr. George Rignold produced "The Babes in the Wood," written by Mr. Frank Ayrton, who, with Miss Madge Seymour, directress of the dances, played the characters of "The Babes." Miss Maggie Moore, Miss Bella Bashall, Mr. Martyn Hagan, and the Leslie Brothers joined the company for this production. Mr. Wm. Rignold, Miss Watts-Phillips, Mr. H. R. Jewett, and some others of the regular company, are playing a short dramatic season in Newcastle. The pantomime produced for Mr. George Musgrove by Mr. Frank Emery at the Theatre Royal is amply described in another column of this issue.

MUSIC.

The past fortnight has been largely devoted to music. On Monday, the 14th December, Miss Ida Thompson, a silver medallist of the Royal Academy of Music, lately returned from England, gave her first concert at the Y.M.C.A. Hall; and a musical festival of some interest was given by various united Congregational Church choirs the next evening. On the 16th December the Sydney Liedertafel celebrated the completion of the 10th year of existence by repeating J. A. Delany's "Captain Cook Cantata," Miss Joyce Carnaby and Signora de Baraty Ferrari giving concerts the same night. The city organist (Mr. Wiegand) has given the usual recitals, and in addition played last Sunday afternoon before the Mayor and aldermen and a large audience, with the object of supplying the inmates of the metropolitan hospitals with Christmas fare. On Tuesday the Philharmonic Society, under Signor Hazon's direction, gave an impressive rendering of "The Messiah." There was a band and chorus of 500, with the grand organ, and Signora Link, Miss Staunton, Mr. Barrett, and Mr. Farley as principals. The oratoria was repeated on Christmas night, when concerts were given at Her Majesty's Theatre (by Mr. Chas. Huenerbein) and at the Garrick Theatre (by the Misses Albu). The Metropolitan Liedertafel gave their concert on Wednesday evening, when the orchestra, under Signor Hazon, played an intermezzo from Mascagni's "Cavalleria Rusticana;" and many musical entertainments of minor interest have also been given.

SPORTING.

The midsummer campaign was opened at Randwick on Boxing Day by the Australian Jockey Club, under whose auspices a seven-event programme was successfully run through. The reunion was favoured by beautifully fine and pleasant weather, and the attendance, which numbered close on 30,000, was about the largest ever assembled at Randwick. A field of 14 took part in the Hurdle Race, 2 miles, and the New Zealand bred horse Satyr, by Leolinus from Naiad, carried 9st 7lb, and won easily in 3 minutes 56 seconds. A similar number faced the flag in the Flying Stakes, 6 furlongs, and Mr. J. B. Clark's b c Autonomy, by Chester from Aveline, with 7st up, cut out the distance in 1 minute 15 seconds. Only half a dozen competed in the December Stakes, and again was Mr. J. B. Clark successful with Moonray, a daughter of Chester and Moonstone, who carried 8st 5lb, and won easily in 1 minute 2¼ seconds. Mr. H. Oxenham's b m The Gift, by Somnus from Little Wanzer, 7st, annexed the Selling Plate, 1 mile, from nine others, in 1 minute 41¾ seconds. The principal event of the day—the Summer Cup—brought out a field of 19, and Highborn was a firm favourite at the fall of the flag. The race was a good one, and after St. Albans II. had cut out most of the work, Mr. W. Rouse's b m Vespasia, by Vespasian from Yattendon mare, carrying 6st 11lb, came through soon after entering the straight, and won comfortably in 2 minutes 37¼ seconds, with St. Albans II. and Magnus in the other places. The Nursery Handicap, 5 furlongs, fell to Mr. E. Keys' b c Ruenalf, by Grand Flaneur from Olga, who, with 7st 12lb up, made all his own running, and won easily in 1 minute 3 seconds. A field of 13 left the paddock for the final event—the A. J. C. Handicap, 1½ mile—and Mr. J. T. Suna's br f Confidence, 6st 2lb., never left the issue in doubt, having covered the track in 2 minutes 10½ seconds.

Speculation has not yet taken definite form in connection with the leading handicaps of Tattersall's Club Annual Meeting; but Highborn, St. Albans, and Vespasia are nominal favourites for Tattersall's Cup, and Trieste for the Carrington Stakes.

AQUATICS.

Stanbury, the champion sculler, who had intended to leave Sydney to-morrow by the Alameda for San Francisco, has decided to stay at home until some definite arrangement is made for a match in America. Sullivan, the New Zealand man, states that he will claim the championship if Stanbury does not make a match with him before the end of January, six months after his first challenge.

CRICKET.

The formation of the proposed Australian cricket council has been advanced an important stage, and, so far as this colony is concerned, the work has been practically completed. On the 14th December the New South Wales Cricket Association finally passed the articles forming the constitution of the council, and transmitted them to the other colonies for consideration. The objects of the council are:—The conduct of matches in connection with the visit of English elevens in Australia, and the approval and control of all Australian elevens visiting England or elsewhere outside the Australian colonies and including New Zealand and Tasmania. The council is to act in conjunction with the governing cricket bodies of England and other places concerned. The manager and members of any team leaving Australia are to be approved of by the council, but the financial arrangements are not to be undertaken by that body. Lord Sheffield's team have played several minor matches with country teams. They played a draw with Twenty of Cumberland, defeated Twenty-two of Camden by an innings and 44 runs, defeated Twenty-four of Berrima District by 67 runs, and Twenty-two of Goulburn by an innings and 15 runs.

THE WEATHER—AGRICULTURAL AND PASTORAL.

The first annual distribution of prizes in connection with the Hawkesbury Agricultural College was performed on the 23rd instant by his Excellency Lord Jersey, who was accompanied by Mr. T. M. Slattery, Minister for Mines and Agriculture. The prizes were numerous, and consisted for the most part of scientific works and gold and silver medals. The gold medal presented by the principal of the college for the highest aggregate number of marks in all subjects was gained by Mr. Shute. The grounds belonging to the college were inspected by Lord Jersey and the officials of the Department of Agriculture, and expressions of approval of the progress made by the students were frequent. The weather since last summary has been of the ordinary summer class. Warmth and dryness have been in force in nearly all parts of the colony. The grass, which was able to maintain its green hue up to the present, is rapidly losing it, and is very dry. Several bush fires have occurred, but by these no great amount of damage has been done. Much greater care against the ignition of grass is now exercised than formerly. All stations which are well equipped have their fire brigades and fire-fighting appliances. A glance at the tables of rainfall shows that during the year, with the exception of February, each month brought its fair share of moisture. Nearly all districts have received more than their average supply of rain. Shearing is in progress on nearly all the high or cool districts. The wool season will be protracted much past its usual time. There are now, however, no labour difficulties to hinder progress. Immense quantities of milk are regularly received by the metropolis; but still production outstrips consumption, and the prices at butter factories are now very low. The markets are well supplied with produce. The year is closing as favourably as it commenced.

MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

The monetary position for the time has an easier tendency, caused in part by the inflow of the proceeds of the wool clip, an in part by the lack of speculation. Bank rates are quoted as follow:—Deposits: Twelve months, 5 per cent.; six months, 4 per cent.; and three months, 3 per cent. Discounts: Seven per cent. for three months, and 8 per cent. for four months; overdrafts, 8 to 9 per cent. Exchange on London, 60 days' sight: Buying, 12s 6d per cent. discount; selling, 10s to 12s 6d per cent. premium. Inquiry for bank and other stocks has been restricted; and the market on the whole is rather weaker.

Banks.—Australian Joint Stock are lower, having sold down to 20, with later sales at 20¼, closing at 20; Queensland National have been quitted at 5½, £5 3s 6d, and £5 4s; Commercial of Sydney realised 117; New South Wales at 61; Commercial of Australia sold at 10; City, 9; Federal, 47.

Steam.—Very little business has been done. Balmain Ferry were quitted at 12s 9d and 13s; North Coast at 17s 9d.

Insurance.—United Insurance sold at 57s 6d, City Mutual at 2s, and Australian Mutual at 12s.

Breweries.—Tooth's, 16s, 15s; Marshall's Brewery, 4s 6d; Castlemaine and Wood Brothers, 20s.

Miscellaneous.—Australian Gaslight were sold at 12, and new shares at £8 10s 6d; J. and J. Hayes, 12s 6d; Shale and Oil, 5s 6d; Sydney Tramway and Omnibus, 15s; Sydney Hydraulic, 11s; Assets Realization, 2s 5d, 2s 6d; Mont de Piété, 24s 6d; Sydney Permanent Land, 12; Industrial Provident Building, 18; Colonial Sugar, 24¼; Sydney Hydraulic, 11; Mortgage Guarantee, 3s.

The latest quotations are:—

Companies.	Capital nominal.	Capital paid up.	Sh'res pd up.	Prices. Buyer	Seller
	£	£	£		
Banks.					
Joint Stock	1,000,000	675,000	9	19¾	20
City	240,000	240,000	8	8⅞	9¼
New issue	200,000	40,000	2	...	50/
Commercial	600,000	600,000	25	112½	115½
Federal	800,000	400,000	50/	45/	50/
Mercantile	...	816,582	3	...	...
New South Wales	2,000,000	1,250,000	20	60	...
New Zealand	2,000,000	900,000	7	...	5¼
On N. Z. Register			...	...	5
Queensland National	1,600,000	800,000	5	5/4/	5¼
Union	1,500,000	1,500,000	25	60¼	62
Royal Bank Q'nsland	1,000,000	375,000	5	...	5
Com. of Australia	3,000,000	1,200,000	4	...	10
Nat'nl of Australasia	2,000,000	1,000,000	4	...	...
North Q'nsland Ba'k	1,000,000	175,000	3½	...	55/
Steam.					
Balmain Ferry	78,000	58,500	15/	18/	13/6
North Coast	93,750	92,031	17/6	17/6	19/
Hunter River	55,000	55,000	10	...	...
Illawarra	66,396	66,396	4	...	...
Newcastle	60,000	60,000	20/	2/	...
North Shore Ferry	40,000	40,000	20/	...	36/
Port Jackson	100,000	60,000	3	20/	32/6
Insurance.					
Australian Mut. Fire	100,000	12,500	2/6	11/	13/
City Mutual	150,000	15,000	2	...	2/3
Mercantile Mutual	150,000	15,000	2	5/6	...
New Zealand	1,000,000	200,000	2	...	...
Pacific	1,000,000	20,000	1	...	...
United	500,000	62,500	2½	...	...
N. S. Wales	250,000	18,750	5/	...	1/
Gas.					
Australian Gas	600,000	600,000	6	11¼	12¼
New, 4th call paid	60,000	40,000	4	...	...
North Shore	100,000	80,000	20/	...	...
Manly	...	...	20/	...	...
Breweries.					
Allt's	200,000	175,000	17/6	...	...
Australian	96,000	96,000	20/	14/	15/6
Castlemaine & Wood Bros.	250,000	250,000	20/	19/9	20/9
Marshall's	125,000	93,750	15/	4/3	5.
Tooth's	900,000	900,000	20/	14/9	15/3
Miscellaneous.					
Aarons' Exchange	26,250	17,500	10/	7/	8/
Colonial Sugar	1,500,000	750,000	10	...	...
Ditto	...	...	20	24	24½
City Carrying	50,000	12,500	10/	...	...
Hudson Brothers	210,000	162,500	16/	...	...
Eagle Tobacco	110,000	110,000	20/	5/	...
Shale and Oil	100,000	68,750	13/9	5/3	6/
Sydney Exchange	30,000	30,000	10	...	...
Sydney Tramway	81,000	60,750	15/	...	15/
Sydney Hydraulic	130,000	65,000	10/	10/6	11/6
Melbourne Tr'mway	800,000	400,000	10/	28/3	30/6
Invest'n't & Fina'ce					
Assets Realization	200,000	25,000	2/6	...	2/6
Colonial Finance	300,000	37,500	...	...	5/
Mont de Piété	50,000	50,000	20/	...	25/
Mortgage Guarantee	100,000	49,875	10/	2/6	3/6
Permanent Trustee	1,000,000	25,000	2/6	2/6	3/
Perpetual Trustee	1,100,000	25,000	5/	13/	15/6
Real Estate	1,000,000	100,000	20/	...	6d
Sydney Agency	100,000	75,000	15/	...	1/
Land and Building					
Australian Mutual	100,000	23,289	20/	...	...
Anglo-A. L. F. & L.	500,000	115,924	5	...	50/
Ditto	...	...	20/	...	...
C. B. and In.	200,000	50,000	50/	...	...
Excelsr L.B.I.F.&B.	124,520	57,280	2	...	...
Merc. B. L. and In.	100,000	31,150	20/	...	...
Ditto	...	...	7/6	...	...
Metropolitan B. & In.	123,294	123,294	5	...	65/
National	200,000	24,600	5	...	...
Industrial Provident	...	...	...	17¼	18¼
Syd. Freehold	50,000	18,750	20/	...	...
Sydney Permanent	...	106,298	20	11½	12¾
Sydney & Provincial	100,000	29,218	20/	...	...
Sydney & Suburban	200,000	93,677	20/	13/3	14/3
Debentures.	Issue.	Due.	Int.		
N.S.W. Funded Stock	530,185	...	4	...	...

Export Markets.—Since our last, business in the export markets has been brisk, notably with the staple wool, until the holidays intervened. To date so far the wool catalogued amounted to 191,784 bales, against 151,362 bales to the corresponding period of last year; while the total sales have amounted to 138,098 bales, compared with 99,749 bales to the like period of 1890. With the exception of one or two small catalogues of odd-ments which are to be offered this week, the sales of the year are over. To date, the shipments have been 308,110, against 216,282 bales to the corresponding period of 1890, in which year, however, the export trade was interrupted by the strike. The market was fairly firm at close, quotations being:—

Description.	Superior.	Good.	Medium.	Inferior.
G. fleece	9d to 12½d	7¾d to 8¾d	6½d to 7½d	5d to 6½d
G. pieces	7½d to 8½d	6d to 7d	4½d to 5½d	3d to 4½d
G. bellies	5d to 6d	4d to 4½d	3½d to 3¾d	2½d to 3d
G. lambs	9d to 11½d	7d to 8½d	5d to 6½d	3d to 4½d
S. fleece	15d to 16½d	13½d to 14½d	12½d to 13d	11d to 12d
S. pieces	12½d to 13½d	10½d to 12d	9d to 10d	6½d to 8½d
S. bellies	11d to 12d	10d to 10½d	8d to 9½d	6d to 7½d
S. locks	8½d to 9d	7d to 8d	6d to 6½d	4d to 5½d
W. fleece		11d to 12d	10d to 10½d	8½d to 9½d

At the late auction sales of sheepskins an easier tone pervaded the market. Buyers purchased sparingly in view of the holidays. Quotations: Butchers' full-fleeced, sound, from 4¾d to 5¼d per lb.; seconds, 4½d to 4¾d; medium, 4d to 4½d; short, 3d to 4d; pelts, 2d to 3½d. Station skins, 4d to 4½d for medium to good, 3d to 3¾d for rough. Green skins: Largest, 40d to 45d each, medium to 36d; pelts, good sizes 14½d to 21½d, small 6d to 13½d; lambskins very dull at 7d to 20d. At the recent sales of marsupial skins brisk competition prevailed. Special lots realised advanced rates, otherwise last auctions prices were obtained:—Large grey kangaroo, from 123d to 146d each; other sizes from 1½d to 122d; red kangaroo, large, from 68½d to 111d; extra large, to 121d; small and medium sizes, from 1d to 67d; wallaroo, 2d to 94d; extra large, to 109½d; scrub wallaby, ½d to 24d; swamp, 1d to 15d; rock, 1½d to 3½d; bear-skins, 3d to 5½d; goat, 4d to 20d; rabbit, 3d to 5½d per lb.; platypus, 1s 1d to 1s 5d. At the late auctions of opossumskins there was again a scarcity of good well-furred skins. Competition was animated, and late prices may be reported as follows:—Firsts, from 8s to 9s 4d per dozen; medium grades, 4s to 7s 4d; small rough and rumped, 9d to 3s 4d; black to 13s 3d.

At last auction sales of tallow buyers purchased sparingly at a reduction on previous rates. Quotations: Prime mixed mutton and beef, from £20 10s to £20 12s 6d per ton; medium, £20 to £20 7s 6d; prime beef, £20 5s to £20 7s 6d; medium, £19 15s to £20; broken and small packages, £18 to £20. Hides in limited request at the following quotations:—Prime extra weights, from 2¾d to 3d per lb., supers to 4d; ordinary heavy, 2½d to 2¾d; sloppy heavy, 2¼d to 2½d; medium, 2¼d to 2½d; best dry, 2½d to 2¾d; ordinary, 2¼d to 2½d; dry, 2d to 3d.

At last week's leather sales good lines of dressed goods commanded fairly active attention. There was a tolerably good export demand for sole and basils. The market for saddlers' goods remains depressed. Quotations: Kip, good, 10½d to 11d; heavy, 9½d to 10d; cow tweed, 10½d to 14½d; yearling, 14d to 17d; calf, 16d to 21d; sole, heavy, 6½d to 7½d; harness, 9d to 11½d; light and medium, 6½d to 8½d; damaged, 4½d to 5½d per lb; basils, shoe, 4s 6d to 9s; saddlers', 11s to 17s per dozen; bag, 8s to 11s; bridle, 8s to 10s per side.

At the last auction sales but little hair was sold. Horns were dull of sale. For bones there was an active demand; common sorts were sold at enhanced values. Quotations: Horsehair, to 14½d per lb.; cowhair, 8½d; stumps, 3d to 4½d; horns, large, to 22s per 100; medium sizes, from 10s; small and tips, 1s to 5s; bones, shanks, from £4 to £5 per ton; hoofs, £2; common bones, £4 to £4 3s 6d.

Import Markets.—Until within a week before Christmas business was fairly good in certain lines of seasonable goods, but since it has fallen away very greatly. The still uncertain state of the tariff has left prices substantially as they were. No one cares to buy more than he absolutely requires until the question of the duties is determined.

MINING.

Owing to the Christmas holidays, the business transacted in mining scrip since our last summary has been small. Central have depreciated in value on account, it is said, of the decision of the directors to postpone the declaration of the monthly dividend, but the values of other Broken Hill stocks have remained firm. The exchanges, which closed for the holidays on the 24th instant, will resume business on the 5th proximo.

The following list gives the latest quotations:—

Companies.	Capital nominal	Capital paid up.	Sh'res pd up.	Prices. Buyer	Seller.
	£	£			
Burwood	100,000	70,000	1	...	12/6
Stockton	100,000	90,000	1	10/	...
Vale of Clwydd	30,000	30,000	1	...	5/
Wallsend	100,000	40,000	10	28	35
Waratah	60,000	60,000	6	...	6¼
Wickham and Bullock Island	110,000	93,000	1	15/	20/
West Wallsend	90,000	90,000	1	...	5/6
Great Cobar Copper	80,000	80,000	1	...	...
Nymagee Copper	80,000	80,000	1	...	...
Broken Hill Silver	384,000	384,000	8/	7 3	7/4/
Ditto 14 Block Co.	500,000	500,000	5	5 15/	...
Ditto South	200,000	112,500	...	55/6	57/
Ditto Central	150,000	143,166	15/	82	83/
Ditto Junction	100,000	82,500	16/6	12/6	13/6
Ditto 10 Block Co.	1,000,000	965,000	9 13/	11/17/	11/19/
Ditto Central Block	75,000	65,625	17/6	3/6	...
Ditto New North	120,000	99,000	1	...	5/6
Ditto British	1,320,000	1,320,000	...	...	22/6
Sunny Corner	100,000	92,500	18/6	...	5/4
Round Hill	320,000	313,000	...	...	12/
Hero	150,000	140,625	1	5/6	...
Baker's Creek, Gold	100,000	97,500	17/6	...	...
Mount Morgan	1,000,000	975,000	17/6	40/	45/
Star of the East	24,000	13,000	10/10	...	...
Victory	50,000	28,500	...	...	80/

SHIPPING.

Arrivals from London and Foreign Ports.—December 15: Parramatta, R.M.S., 4771 tons, Murray, from London, via ports. December 17: Port Darwin (s.), 2517, Mangan, from London, via ports; Neotsfield, ship, 1820, Rugg, from London. December 18: Kaiser Wilhelm II., German mail steamer, 6990, Stormer, from Bremen, via ports; Australien, French mail steamer, 6428, Didier, from Noumea; Raegvig, Norwegian barque, 536, Olsen, from Launceston. December 19: Indra (s.), 3582, Payne, from Brisbane; Chingtu (s.), 2268, Hunt, from Melbourne. December 20: Kelton, four-masted ship, 1924, Young, from Liverpool; Earl of Zetland, ship, 1461, Nicholson, from Liverpool; Ennerdale, German ship, 1233, Buller, from New York; Sorine, Danish barque, 381, Andersen, from Hamburg; Ethiope (s.), 2893, Pinkham, from Noumea; Pickhuben (s.), 3286, Sphedt, from Hamburg via ports. December 21: Ophir, R.M.S., 6500, Ruthven, from London via ports; Southern Cross, American ship, 1087, Bailey, from New York. December 22: Tasso (s.), 2994, Dilly, from Algoa Bay. December 24: Britannia, R.M.S., 6257, Orman, from London via ports. December 16: Florence, barque, 809, M'Donald, from Hamburg; Strathdon Wills, barque, from London; Argus (s.), from Calcutta.

Departures for London and Foreign Ports.—December 12: Changsha (s.), 2269 tons, Williams, for Hongkong via ports; Bucephalus (s.), 1818, Forrester, for Calcutta via ports. December 14: Ballaarat, R.M.S., 4748, Ashdown, for London via ports. December 15: Gulf of Ancud (s.), 2716, Currie, for London via ports; Orontes, ship, 1318, Bain, for London. December 16: Oceania Vance, American three-masted schooner, 413, Andersen, for Honolulu via Newcastle. December 17: Remus, German steamer, 2635, Simonsen, for Townsville; Miltiades, ship, 1452, Ayling, for London; Arroyo (s.), 3564, M'Gowan, for Antwerp and Hull. December 18: E. K. Wood, American four-masted schooner, 495, Larsen, for Honolulu, via Newcastle; John Sanderson (s.), 3026, William Smith, for Dunkirk and Havre. December 19: Orotava, R.M.S., 5552, Studdert, for London, via ports; Loch Bredan, barque, 950, Cumming, for Valparaiso, via Newcastle; Pass of Balmaha, ship, 1498, Tovar, for Valparaiso, via Newcastle; Ariosto (s.), 2902, Mollard, for Antwerp and Hull. December 20: Illawarra, ship, 1886, Carvosso, for London. December 22: Nebo, ship, 1383, Chivers, for London; Port Darwin (s.), 2517, Payne, for London, via Newcastle. December 23: Erlangen, German steamer, 2850, Ohnsorg, for Hamburg, via ports; Uncle John, American barquentine, 299, Beck, for Honolulu, via Newcastle. December 24: Chingtu (s.), 2268, Hunt, for Hongkong, via ports; Mount Stewart, ship, 1849, Smith, for London; Kosciusko, barque, 1119, Rodd, for San Diego, via Newcastle. December 25: Culgoa (s.), 3325, Tompsitt, for London, via ports; Tasso (s.), 2994, Dilly, for Noumea. December 26: Australien, French mail steamer, 6428, Didier, for Marseilles, via ports. December 27: Concordia, Italian barque, 1080, Celle, for Antwerp.

In Port, Loading or to load for Foreign (the destination is given where declared):—Alameda (s.), 3158 tons, for San Francisco; Allerton, 2027, for San Francisco; Altcar, 1283, for Rotterdam; Anna Aleida, 1102, for Antwerp; Bay of Bengal, 1527, for London; Cairnbulg, 1567, for London; Cromdale, 1850, for London; Don Carlos, 694, for Honolulu, via Newcastle; Earl of Zetland, 1461, for Colombo, via Newcastle; Ennerdale, 1233, for London; Ethiope (s.), 2893, for London; Firth of Clyde, 1207, for Valparaiso, via Newcastle; General Roberts, 1914, for London; Hesperus, 1777, for London; Inchcape Rock, 1493, for Valparaiso, via Newcastle; Indra (s.), 3582, for London; Kelton, 1924, for Newcastle, Kaiser Wilhelm II. (s.), 6980, for Bremen, via ports; Loch Torridon, 2000, for London; Neotsfield, 1820, for London; Newsboy, 559, for Honolulu, via Newcastle; Ophir (s.), 6500, for London; Parramatta (s.), 4771, for London, via ports; Pickhuben, 3286, for Antwerp, via ports; Port Jackson, 2132, for London; Raegvig, 536, for Tahiti; Republic, 1287, for San Pedro; Rohilla, 985, for Melbourne; Saga, 1418, for Rio Janeiro; Seringa, 1116, for Genoa; Sophocles, 1120, for London; Sorine, 381, for Marshall Islands; Southern Cross, 1087, for Manila, via Newcastle; Superb, 1360, for London; Tamar, 2060, for London; Torridon, 1502, for London; Trafalgar, 1429, for London; W. H. Lincoln, 1676, for Manila; Yallaroi, 1499, for London; Florence, 809, uncertain; Britannia (s.), 6257, on for Ldon, via ports.

Cargoes Cleared for London and Foreign Ports.—December 9—Earlshall, barque, for Mauritius: 2046 bags sulphate of ammonia, 3242 bags fertiliser, 340 bags blood manure, 78 bags offal. December 10—Guthrie (s.), for Hongkong, via ports: 1800 tons coal, 6 boxes gold coin (£5165), 78 packages glass, 53 packages brass, 22 packages copper, 332 packages tyres, 102 packages axletrees, 25 packages springs, 552 packages horseshoes, 128 packages beche-de-mer, 5 casks calfskins, 48 casks tallow, 51 bundles fungus, and a quantity of sundries. December 13—Orontes, ship, for London: 6386 bales wool, 101 casks tallow, 1881 hides, 26 casks mint sweepings, 240 tons alumite. December 14—Ballaarat, R.M.S., for London, via ports: 214 bales wool, 165 bales skins, 18 bales basils, 51 bales leather and splits, 12 cases pearlshell, 11,260 bars silver-lead bullion, 23 cases seeds, and sundries. Bucephalus (s.), for Calcutta, via ports: 30 bales wool, 3470 cases preserved meats. December 15—Gulf of Ancud (s.), for Dunkirk and London, via Melbourne: 1229 bales wool, 68 bales leather, 34 bales sheepskins, 127 casks tallow, 1263 bags matte, and 44 cases merchandise. Miltiades, ship, for London: 5763 bales wool, 3658 bags ore, 976 bags copra, 469 casks tallow, 1000 cases meats. December 16—Arroyo (s.), for Antwerp and Hull: 14,596 bales wool. December 18—Illawarra, ship, for London: 8206 bales wool, 647 casks tallow, 5695 hides, 2550 bags ore, 53 bales leather, 1000 cases meats, a quantity of horns, bones, hoofs, 4 bales sinews, and sundries. John Sanderson (s.), for Dunkirk and Havre, via Melbourne: 4676 bales wool; also, 2677 tons nickel ore, through cargo from Noumea for Havre. Pass of Balmaha, ship, for Valparaiso, via Newcastle: 310 tons West Wallsend coal. Loch Bredan, barque, for Valparaiso, via Newcastle: 267 tons Wallsend coal. December 19—Nebo, ship, for London: 6680 bales wool, 219 casks tallow, 21 bales glue pieces, 58 bales leather, 2961 bags cobalt ore, 211 bags crude antimony, 480 bags copper regulus, 7 pieces copper slag, 1 bale mohair. Orotava, R.M.S., for London, via ports: 1015 bales wool, 8550 bars silver-lead bullion, 15 boxes silver bullion, 20 bags ore, 1101 cases preserved meats, 1330 boxes butter, 79 casks tallow, 9 bales skins, and 15 packages sundries. Ariosto (s.), for Antwerp and Hull, via Melbourne: 6329 bales wool. December 21—Kosciusko, barque, for San Diego, via Newcastle: 100 tons West Wallsend coal. December 22—Mount Stewart, ship, for London: 8863 bales wool, 78 bales gluepieces, 70 bales sheepskins, 14 bales basils, 1 bale hair, 430 casks tallow, 4400 hides, 5320 bags chrome ore, 121 bags shank bones, 2600 horns, 237cwt. hoofs, 10cwt. bones, and sundries. December 23—Erlangen (s.), for Hamburg, via ports: 6876 bales wool, 2171 bags ore, 16 casks casings, 223 cases glass, 5 bags gum and skins, 2 cases hair, and 16 packages sundries. Seringa, barque, for Rio de Janeiro: 1658 tons shale. Uncle John, barquentine, for San Francisco, via Newcastle: 8000ft. hardwood timber. December 24—Concordia, barque, for Antwerp: 4837 bales wool, 3729 bags cobalt ore. Culgoa (s.), for London, via Melbourne: 1793 bales wool, 73 bales leather, 29 bales splits, 30 bales rabbitskins, 36 bales furs, 8 packages glue-pieces, 129 bales skins, 75 bales rags, 5 bales skin pieces, 72 bales basils, 166 bags anti. ore, 4474 ingots tin, 614 hides, 107 casks tallow, 2 packages effects, 304oz. silver ore, 19 packages dried bananas, 7 packages and pieces machinery, 1 engine, and sundries. Chingtu (s.), for Hongkong, via ports: For Japan—215 casks tallow, 26 bags hoofs, 1 bale wool. For Hongkong—1600 tons coal, 159 sacks beche-de-mer, 31 bales and 106 sacks fungus, 41 packages zinc, 10 packages copper, 55 bags sharkfins, 33 packages horseshoes, 4 packages metal, 3 casks glass, 21 pieces copper pipe, 71 boxes gold coin (£4800), and sundries. December 26—Australien, French mail steamer, from Marseilles, via ports: 1929 bales wool, 15 cases kauri gum, 222 bales skins, 95 bales sheepskins, 14 bales basils, 3 bales horsehair, 6 packages leather, 5 casks and 25 sacks flour, 12 tierces and 5 kegs beef, 8 cases machinery, 2 packages gold coin (£504), 2 cases onions, 2 cases potatoes, and sundries. December 28—Parramatta, R.M.S., for London, via ports: 843 bales wool, 22 bales skins, 27 bales leather, 5460 bars silver-lead bullion, 3 casks wire, 3 bags ore, 1 case carpets.

PORT OF NEWCASTLE.

In Port, loading or to load.—Albuera, ship, 1502 tons, for San Francisco; Bankburn, barque, 1352 tons, for Valparaiso; Carnarvon Castle, barque, 1154 tons, uncertain; Cormorant, barque, 1073 tons, for Tocapilla; Countess of Derby, barque, 750 tons, for Valparaiso; County of Clare, four-masted barque, 1498 tons, for Valparaiso; E. K. Wood, American schooner, 495 tons, for Honolulu; H. B. Cann, barque, 1299 tons, for Manila; Ilala, barque, 1320 tons, for San Francisco; Ingrift, Norwegian barque, 1363 tons, for San Diego; Iron Duke, German ship, 1435 tons, for San Francisco; Jessie Stowe, barque, 645 tons, for Valparaiso; Largo Bay, barque, 1178 tons, for Valparaiso; Loch Bredan, barque, 950 tons, for Valparaiso; Memento, barque, 629 tons, for San Diego; Mooltan, ship, 1668 tons, for San Francisco; Netherby, ship, 1400 tons, for San Francisco; Pass of Balmaha, ship, 1498 tons, for Valparaiso; Pleiad, barque, 593 tons, for Valparaiso; Port Darwin, Anglo-Australian (s.), 2517 tons, for London; Ulleck, barque, 778 tons, for Mollendo; Urania, barque, 1287 tons, for San Diego; Ursus Minor, Norwegian barque, 605 tons, for San Diego; Wendur, ship, 1982 tons, for Mauritius.

Coal Cargoes Despatched Foreign.—December 10: Suffolk (s.), with 4793 tons, for Padang; Bonanza, barque, with 1819 tons, for San Francisco; Osberga, barque, with 1723 tons, for Valparaiso; Theophane, ship, with 2118 tons, for Mollendo. December 12: Closeburn barque, with 1394 tons, for Valparaiso. December 13: Sharpshooter, barque, with 744 tons, for Mauritius; Firth of Dornoch, barque, with 1470 tons, for Valparaiso. December 14: Lunari, barque, with 751 tons, for Valparaiso. December 15: Kinclune, barque, with 860 tons, for Valparaiso. December 16: Bucephalus (s.), with 2200 tons, for Calcutta. December 17: Weiwera, barque, with 1192 tons, for Valparaiso. December 18: Cambusnethan, barque, with 1978 tons, for Valparaiso; Bothwell, ship, with 3292 tons, for San Francisco. December 20: Ilonus, barque, with 1185 tons, for Valparaiso; Oromaso, barque, with 1013 tons, for Manila. December 21: Queen barque, with 1240 tons, for Valparaiso; Oceania Vance, American schooner, with 645 tons, for Honolulu. December 22: Brodick Castle, barque, with 2570 tons, for Valparaiso. December 23: Elvira, German barque, with 2116 tons, for Valparaiso; Cochin, ship, with 1782 tons, for Mauritius.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

BIRTHS.

ABBOTT.—December 22, at Wingen, the wife of the late T. K. Abbott, S.M., of a son.
BARNETT.—December 18, at 30 Macleay-street, the wife of Leopold Barnett, of a son.
BEGG.—December 14, at Leona, M'Donald-street, Paddington, the wife of Robert Elly Begg, of a son.
BERG.—December 11, at 66 Macquarie-street South, the wife of Mr. Mark Berg, of a daughter.
BOYCE.—December 16, at Wenos, Double Bay, the wife of Carlton G. L. Boyce, of a daughter.
BRISTOW.—November 9, at Hermit Park, Townsville, the wife of G. A. Bristow, Gamboola, of a daughter.
COOK.—November 12, at her residence, Commercial Bank, Dundas, Mrs. A. E. Cook, of a son.
FORSTER.—December 8, the wife of H. W. Forster, of Concord, of a daughter.
FROST.—November 26, at her residence, 37 Day-street, Leichhardt, the wife of W. J. Frost, of a son.
HARTLEY.—December 2, at Waterview, Rockhampton, the wife of Stewart W. Hartley, of a son.
HENSHAW.—December 13, at Narrandera, the wife of J. Henshaw, of a son.
JACKSON.—December 18, at 96 Union-street, Pyrmont, the wife of D. W. Jackson, of a daughter.
KLEMANN.—December 3, at Ultimo, the wife of Robert Klemann, of a daughter.
LENTHALL.—December 8, at Waverley, the wife of Rowland E. Lenthall, of a daughter.
M'PHERSON.—December 18, at 451 Darling-road, Balmain, the wife of A. M'Pherson, of a daughter.
MACINTYRE.—December 12, at Greenmount, North Sydney, the wife of Donald Macintyre, Kayinga, of a son.
MACLEAN.—December 17, at 219 New South Head-road, the wife of Aaron Maclean, of a daughter.
MANN.—November 23, Charindarnley, Faulconbridge, Blue Mountains, the wife of James Elliott Mann, of a son.
MARGOSCHIS.—October 21, at Cooma, the wife of E. P. Margoschis, J.P., of a son.
MAYNE.—December 11, at 637 Bourke-street, S. H., the wife of R. Mayne, of a son.
NOTT.—December 22, at her residence, Roslyn, Croydon, the wife of Randolph H. Nott, of a daughter.
PATTERSON.—December 12, at Calrossy, Tamworth, Mrs. J. Patterson, of a son.
PAUL.—December 14, at Gowrie, Randwick, the wife of Lieutenant-Colonel Paul, of a son.
PURCELL.—December 6, at Woollahra, the wife of Quartermaster-sergeant M. J. Purcell, of a son.
RENNIE.—December 2, at 46 College-street, Hyde Park, the wife of George E. Rennie, of a daughter.
SALT.—December 10, at Goulburn Villa, Leichhardt, the wife of Moultrie Salt, of a daughter.
SHALLARD.—November 29, at her residence, Glenbrook, the wife of Major Shallard, of a son.
SIMON.—December 17, at her residence, Oona, Shakespeare-grove, Hawthorn, the wife of Max J. Simon, of a daughter.
TIDSWELL.—December 14, at Alderley, Bexley, the wife of F. C. Tidswell, of a daughter.
TOOHEY.—December 11, at Torrington, Strathfield, the wife of James M. Toohey, of a daughter.
TREBECK.—December 13, at Double Bay, the wife of T. R. Trebeck, of a daughter.
UNICOMB.—December 1, at Uralla, Pyrmont Bridge-road, the wife of W. A. Unicomb, of Newcastle, of a son.
VON KAUFMANN.—November 28, at Hanover, St. Kilda, the wife of Geo. von Kaufmann, of a daughter.
WADDELL.—December 6, at Southside, Ellerslie, Auckland, N.Z., the wife of J. J. Waddell, of a son.
WALKER.—December 16, at Chelmsford, Darlinghurst-road, the wife of F. B. Walker, of a son.
WATT.—November 19, at No. 1 Hopewell-street, Paddington, the wife of Edmund Watt, of a son.
WATTS.—December 19, at 573 Crown-street, the wife of Harold Watts, of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

BATES—SKYRME.—April 27, at St. Paul's Church, by Rev. F. B. Boyce, Charles F. Bates to Elizabeth Skyrme. Also the same parties on November 9, at Christ Church, by Rev. C. F. Garnsey.
BEAR—HANFORD.—Dec. 16, at Goulburn Cathedral, by Right Rev. Lord Bishop, assisted by Rev. Canon Soares, Charles J. Bear to Emma May Hanford.
BENSON—PYKE.—At St. Andrew's, Coolamon, by Rev. M. Moran, Frank H. Benson to Elizabeth Pyke.
CLARK—DELFEUDAHL.—November 24, at the Congregational Church, Glebe, by Rev. T. E. Mells, Charles Clark to Mary Ann Delfeudahl.
CONDON—MURRAY.—December 14, Edward Condon to Selina Murray.
COX—QUINAN.—December 9, at St. Matthew's, Bondi, by the Rev. J. W. Pope, Archie Cox to Cora Quinan.
DE LA MOTTE—MERCER.—December 9, at the Mariners' Church, by Rev. John B. Anderson, Gage W. de la Motte to Lucy H. Mercer.
GRIMBLY—CLEMENTS.—December 8, at All Saints', Petersham, by the Rev. Charles Baber, Charles Grimbly to Ellen Clements.
GRIFFITHS—BURNESS.—At St. David's Church, Surry Hills, by the Rev. Jos. Hargraves, David Griffiths to Mary Burness.
HAYDEN—CARY.—July 23, at St. George's, Hanover-square, London, George Alfred Thomas Hayden to Agnes Cary.
HAYNES—HAYDON.—December 2, at St. Jude's, Randwick, by the Rev. William Hough, John Haynes to Marie Emiline Duff Haydon.
HILL—AHEARNE.—December 23, at St. Peter's Church, Sydney, by the Rev. T. B. Tress, William Herbert Hill to Blanche Florence Ahearne.
MATTON—TRIMBLE.—December 9, at Maybank, Snail's Bay, by the Rev. J. Cosh, Charles Henry Matton to Jennie Trimble.
O'SHANNASSY—M'MAHON.—October 14, at St. Ignatius's, Richmond, Melbourne, by the Rev. Father Cahill, Thomas O'Shannassy to Margaret M'Mahon.
ROBERTSON—MORGAN.—December 9, at St. Mary's Church, Waverley, by Rev. R. Fielding, Arthur John Thomas Robertson to Lucy A. Morgan.
RYRIE—GIBSON.—October 26, at St. David's, Surry Hills, by the Rev. J. Hargrave, Alison Faunce Ryrie to Eva Marion Gibson.
SALISBURY—SALISBURY.—December 1, at St. Columb's, Hawthorn, Melbourne, by Rev. T. H. Armstrong, John Salisbury to Louisa Salisbury.
SHEPHERD—PARKES.—December 15, at St. John's Church, Balmain, by the Rev. W. Charlton, Arthur Shepherd to Laura Matilda Parkes.
SHORT—ALDERSON.—November 19, at Christ Church, Sydney, by the Rev C. F. Garnsey, Alfred John Short to Margaret E. Alderson.
SMITH—BARTON.—December 21, at the residence of E. T. Smith, Balmain, by the Rev. James Cosh, M.A., Alexander W. S. Smith to Louisa Barton.
STOCKLEY—TODD.—December 10, at the residence of the bride's parents, by the Rev. H. M'Cready, Colin J. Stockley to Margaret Todd.
STEVENS—BUTCHER.—November 7, at St. Andrew's, Sydney, by Rev. R. J. Reade, George Stephens to Isabella Mary Butcher.
TAME—BARTLETT.—November 25, at St. Thomas' Church, Enfield, by Rev. S. Hungerford, Emanuel Tame to Elizabeth Annie Bartlett.
THORPE—FORSYTH.—December 2, at St. Michael's Church, by the Rev. Canon H. S. King, M.A., Frederick Ashley to Sara Forsyth.
TWEEN—PRESCOTT.—December 15, at the Parsonage, Surry Hills, by the Rev. Joshua Hargrave, Herbert Henry Tween to Frances Hodson Prescott.
WHITTAM—SARGENT.—December 12, by Robert Steel, D.D., Matthew D. Whittam to Emily Agnes Sargent.
WILLIAMS—BULKELEY.—December 14, at St. Stephen's Church, Newtown, by the Rev. R. Taylor, Elias Williams to Hannah Bulkeley.

DEATHS.

ALLEN.—December 24, at Hollywood, Waverley, Alfred Greer Allen, aged 15 years.
BAZELEY.—December 13, at Paddington, William John Bazeley, in his 48th year.
BRITTON.—December 9, at her residence, Carriglea Gordon, Mary Jane Britton, aged 73 years.
BROCK.—December 18, at his parents' residence, Brocklegh, Newtown, Victor Brock, aged 4 months 10 days.
BROWN.—December 14, at Birdwell, Waverley, Ellen Neathway Brown, aged 15 years and 10 months.
BURGIS.—At Devar Cottage, Macdonaldtown, John Rawlins Burgis, sen., aged 72 years.
BUTLER.—December 16, at Macquarie-street, the relict of the late Hon. Captain Butler, aged 89.
BURGE.—December 18, at Katoomba, Richard Ormsby Burge, aged 13 months.
BITTON.—December 9, at her residence, Carriglea, Gordon, Mary Jane Bitton, aged 73 years.
CAIRNS.—December 10, at his residence, Walker-street, Dunedin, N.Z., Alexander Cairns, in his 79th year.
CASSIDY.—November 1, at 142 Wells-street, Redfern, John James Cassidy, aged 55 years.
CHIDGEY.—December 24, at Beattie-street, Balmain, George John Chidgey, sen., aged 76 years.
CLUBB.—December 23, at Gordonville, Balmain West, Chas. Geo. Gordon Clubb, aged 4 months.
CROFT.—December 18, at 102 Derwent-street, Glebe Point, Eugene Pitcairn Croft.
CROWE.—December 13, at his residence, Rockdale, Little Billabong, James Bernard Crowe, aged 70 years.
CAMPBELL.—December 13, at the Belmore Hotel, Mudgee, Jessie Vera Campbell, aged 1 year and 8 months.
COWARD.—December 18, at her parents' residence, Rosamond Geraldine Coward, aged 3 months.
DANCER.—December 13, at the Gilmore Flour Mills, near Tumut, William Dancer, in his 62nd year.
DENNIS.—December 16, at Cooper-street, Waterloo, Josiah Dennis, aged 60.
DIXON.—December 24, at 183 Devonshire-street, Edward S. Dixon, aged 49 years.
DIXSON.—November 27, at Burgess Hill, England, Robert Dixson, in the 48th year of his age.
DOLE.—December 16, at Cambrian, Waverley, David Sydney Dole, aged 2 years and 7 months.
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DRUMMOND.—November 9, at Paisley, Scotland, Catherine Drummond, in her 81st year.
DUKE.—December 25, at Prestonville, George-street, Burwood, Mary Duke, aged 53 years.
EDWARDS.—December 15, at 402 Park-road, suddenly, Julia Edwards.
EMERSON.—December 14, at 154 Wilson-street, Redfern, Annie Emerson.
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FRENCH.—December 12, at Sydney, Harry French, of London, aged 27 years.
FAULKES.—December 19, at 52 Rochford-street, Macdonaldtown, John Faulkes, in his 69th year.
FINLAYSON.—December 17, at his residence, 22 Craigend-street, Darlinghurst, Alexander Finlayson, aged 36 years.
GEIGER.—December 24, at 25 Begg-street, Paddington, Frank Washington Geiger, aged 5 months.
GRUMITT.—December 3, at the residence of her father, Dunedin, N.Z., Catherine Kerr Grumitt.
HARRIS.—December 22, by railway accident at Harris Park, Parramatta, John Harris, in his 90th year.
HENRY.—December 25, at Yarrows, Enmore, Daniel Henry, aged 63 years.
HERNFIELD.—December 12, at his residence, Cudal, Henry Hernfield, aged 54.
HOLDSWORTH.—December 18, at Bayswater-road, Harry W. Holdsworth, in the 54th year of his age.
HUGHAN.—December 4, at 9 Vincent-street, Balmain, Roy Oakleigh A. Hughan, aged 3 years and 6 months.
HUMPHRYS.—December 20, at Springfield, Manly, Esther Humphrys, aged 10 months.
IRWIN.—December 12, Phillip-street, Parramatta, Emily Irwin, widow of the late Geo. Phillips, aged 82.
JUSTELIUS.—December 18, at Busby-parade, Waverley, Agnes Justelius, aged 8 months.
KEATS.—December 13, at Milson-street, North Sydney, William Henry Keats, aged 64 years.
KELLY.—At his residence, Quandong, Burwood-road, J. J. Kelly, aged 55 years.
KENDALL.—November 12, at Aberbaldie Station, near Walcha, Benjamin Kendall, aged 48.
KERR.—December 8, at London-street, Enmore, Ellen Magdalene Kerr.
KING.—December 20, on the road from Gravesend station to Warialda, Dorothy King, aged 3 years.
LEA.—December 20, at 118 Mitchell-street, Glebe, Louisa Lea, aged 53 years.
LITTLE.—December 20, at Marrickville, Mary Jane Little, aged 44 years.
LLEWELLYN.—December 25, at 63 Queen-street, Woollahra, Miss Catherine Amelia Llewellyn.
LOBLINER.—December 23, at 102 Botany-street, Moore Park, Julia Lobliner, aged 45 years.
M'CAULEY.—December 7, at his residence, Tattenham, St. Peters, John Benedict M'Cauley.
M'ISAAC.—November 9, at Paisley, Catherine Drummond M'Isaac, in her 81st year.
M'MUNN.—December 16, at Croydon, suddenly, Robert M'Munn, aged 39 years.
M'INNES.—December 17, at Meranburn, Margaret Hill M'Innes, aged 48.
M'VEY.—December 21, at 72 Brougham-street, Woolloomooloo, Albert H. J. M'Vey, aged 7 months.
MARTIN.—December 1, at Noumea, New Caledonia, Thomas Alfred Martin, in his 60th year.
MARTIN.—At Blackheath, Mary Murtella Havergal Martin, aged 9 months and 20 days.
MAWER.—November 18, died at sea, Frederick William Mawer, aged 46 years.
MEADMORE.—December 14, at Hildenboro', Summer Hill, Robert Meadmore, aged 56 years.
MEENAN.—December 20, at his residence, 25 Leicester-street, Paddington, James Joseph Meenan, aged 47 years.
MERCES.—December 15, at South Hay Hotel, Hay, N.S.W., James Merces, aged 31 years.
NORQUAY.—December 14, at the Sydney Hospital, William Norquay, aged 36 years.
PHILLIPS.—December 12, at Phillip-street, Parramatta, in her 82nd year, Emily Irwin Phillips.
PRATT.—December 22, at O'Connell-street, Parramatta, Arthur Pratt, aged 35 years.
QUINLAN.—December 22, at 243 Victoria-street, Darlinghurst, Matthew C. Quinlan, aged 47 years.
RAMSAY.—December 11, at Cockatoo Island, Sarah Taylor Ramsay, aged 9 years.
ROBEY.—At Hay, New South Wales, Ralf Lees Robey, aged 53 years.
ROBINSON.—At Derwent-street, Glebe, Mrs. Elizabeth Robinson, in her 93rd year.
ROSE.—December 15, at West Maitland, Alexander Campbell Rose, aged 27 years.
ROSENTHALL.—December 20, at his residence, Chandos, Stanmore, Elias G. Rosenthall, aged 30 years.
ROSSITER.—December 21, at Manly Beach, Olga Rossiter, aged 4 months.
SLATYER.—October 19, at Mandeville, Jamaica, Robert Roy Slatyer.
SMART.—December 17, at 12 Collins-street, Surry Hills, Robert James, in his 19th year.
SOLLITT.—December 14, Chas. J. Sollitt, quartermaster H.M.S. Curaçoa.
STOKES.—December 13, at her father's residence, Campbell-street, Newtown, Sarah Stokes.
SHYING.—December 9, at 23 High Holborn-street, Surry Hills, Henry James Shying, in his 68th year.
SKERRETT.—December 20, at her residence, Wynyard-square, Maria Skerrett, aged 73 years.
TOWN.—December 16, at No. 16 Darlinghurst-street, Ellen May Town, aged 2 years and 7 months.
TRICKETT.—December 21, at Balmain, Adeline Marion Mann Trickett, aged 9 years and 2 months.
VERNON.—December 15, at her late residence, Laindon, St. Ives, Emma Vernon, in her 83rd year.
WALFORD.—December 19, at Woollahra, Nicholas Lockyer Walford, aged 11 months and 25 days.
WARBURTON.—December 19, at her late residence, Esplanade, Manly, Sarah Warburton, aged 52 years.
WATSON.—December 16, at 156 Burton-street, Darlinghurst, Caroline Cecilia Watson, aged 48 years.
WEIR.—At his residence, Mia Mia, Brighton-street, Petersham, William Weir, in his 91st year.
WOODS.—November 22, at Little Plain Hotel, near Adelong, Lillie, wife of George Woods, and second daughter of the late Edward Perkins, aged 37.

POLICE.

Mr. G. W. F. Addison, S.M., presided in the Charge Division of the Water Police Court on Saturday. Charles Richter, 25, cutter, was sentenced to four months' imprisonment on a charge of having stolen, on or about the 21st November at Sydney, one pair of boots, a gold scarf-pin, and a book, valued at £3, the property of John Wallace. A German barman named William Schultz, for having maliciously damaged four panes of glass, was ordered to pay £1 damages, and was fined £2, or in default six weeks' imprisonment.

At the Parramatta Police Court, Susan Barter, on a charge of stealing wearing apparel from Mrs. De Batin, was remanded till Wednesday.

"THE JEWS ARE NOT ISRAEL."

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—In your issue of the 23rd instant, under the head of "Fugitive Notes," in the third paragraph, "A. B. C." asserts that "the Jews are not Israel any more than the Irish are English, or the Englishman is a Yankee;" and he concludes with the question—which rather reflects upon the characters of the "men of learning and distinction many of them. . . All devout students of the Bible," implying that they are either ignorant or insincere—by saying, "Did any of those who took part in the meeting on Monday last, and who spoke in this indifferent way, really never find out that the Jews are not identical with Israel?" Those men of distinction and devout students of the Bible we know. But "A. B. C.," in the capacity of a critic, or rather as one who expects your readers to accept his mere assertion that "the Jews are not Israel," in opposition to and as of more weight than that of the distinguished body—men who have undoubtedly made a special study of the subject in question—we do not know. It would therefore be wiser on his part to state his reasons for his belief, which is evidently contrary to the opinions of the "men of learning and distinction many of them."

One thing is certain, viz., the men of learning and devout students of the Bible love the Jews for Christ's sake, inasmuch as "salvation is of the Jews," and of them "concerning the flesh Christ came." This they have shown in many ways, last Monday's meeting being only one of them.

Could "A. B. C." show that those who glory in being Israelites (who are not Jews), implying thereby that both they and the Jews are the descendants of Jacob and consequently brethren according to the flesh, have ever tried in a body to do something for the Jews either in temporal or spiritual matters, which would prove that they too love the Jews?

I am, &c.,

December 24. LEWIS ABRAMOWITCH.

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A MORIBUND CONSPIRACY.

(From the Times.)

After an interval of five years the Irish National League of America ventured to meet once more in convention at Chicago on the 1st and 2nd of last month. The gathering proved an impressive contrast to the formidable assemblage which sat in the same city in 1886. When Mr. Patrick Egan called the last convention to order, over a thousand delegates from all parts of the Union were present in the hall. All sections of the great Irish-American conspiracy were there. Three members of the Imperial Parliament, Mr. William O'Brien, Mr. John Redmond, and Mr. Deasy, represented the policy of Mr. Parnell and his still united followers. Mr. Davitt blessed the union of hearts. His old friend and brother Fenian, John Devoy, impressed upon his personal followers the need of unanimity. Democrats and Republicans, Clericals and Secularists acted with apparent concord under the deft manipulation of Alexander Sullivan, and unanimously adopted the resolutions drafted for them by Mr. Davitt, endorsed by Mr. Parnell's plenipotentiaries, and pressed upon their acceptance by eminent members of the Clan-na-Gael. The balance-sheet, above all, exhibited convincing proofs of the solid success of the movement. Hundreds of thousands of dollars had been remitted to the trustees of the parliamentary fund, tens of thousands had been expended on other branches of league work, and while the Convention was still sitting Ford handed Egan a cheque for 2000dol., raised by the subscribers of the dynamite organ, to pay the salaries of the Nationalists in the House of Commons. For the first time the separatist policy appeared to have some prospect of success. It had won the support of a great English party, headed by the most popular of English statesmen. The Unionist alliance seemed insecure; the Unionist executive was believed to be irresolute and weak. The Irish conspirators proclaimed their resolve to make the government of Ireland impossible to the Conservatives. The American conspirators promised to support them. Both were confident that the task would be easy, that the Gladstonians would speedily return to office, that Home Rule would follow, and the "Castle" be replaced by a nationalist executive equipped with powers which, as the Extremists saw, would constitute in willing hands the "plant of an armed revolution."

Five years have seen the disastrous downfall of the schemes which inspired the Convention of 1886 with hopes of triumph, of plunder, and of vengeance. The entire mechanism of the great Irish-American conspiracy has been shattered and destroyed. The members of Parliament who stood side by side upon the platform of 1886, and vehemently harangued the mixed mob of clericals and extremists upon the duty of common action, are at this moment denouncing each other as traitors to the rabble of their native land. The Clan-na-Gael, which controlled the entire National League movement in America throughout the period when that movement was a power, is split into factions, hating each other with a passion to which the hate of Parnellites and anti-Parnellites seems mild. Devoy has accused Sullivan of treachery and theft, while three members of Sullivan's faction are in penal servitude for murdering an accomplice of Devoy's. Both the societies which have sprung from the fragments of the Clan-na-Gael inherit the malignant wickedness of their parent, and both are busily engaged in plotting cowardly crimes to be committed in this country, but both are torn by internal jealousies, hampered for lack of funds, and penetrated with well-grounded suspicions of the fidelity of their own members.

The recent Convention of the National League was entirely in the hands of that section of the Clan-na-Gael known as the "I. N. B.," and it was furtively "engineered" throughout in the interests of Alexander Sullivan. The operation required considerable dexterity, for Sullivan is now almost as bitterly detested by the rank and file of the "I. N. B." as by the rival society of the "U. B.'s." The position which this man has occupied in the underground politics of Irish America for some years past has been remarkable. The disclosures elicited by the late Dr. Cronin and others as to the conduct of the governing body of the Clan-na-Gael during the period of Sullivan's supremacy, completely blasted his character with all those dynamiters who, in Sir Charles Russell's memorable phrase, may be described as "presumably honest." He and his colleagues were accused of squandering the funds of the brotherhood, falsifying its accounts, and making away with its books in the usual way. They were charged with breach of faith towards the dynamiter Mackey Lomasney—a friend of Mr. William O'Brien's brother in the old pre-dynamite Fenian days—and towards other "heroes" who had lost their liberty in the service of the Order, and with shameful neglect of their families. The majority of the trial committee appointed to investigate these accusations acquitted Sullivan, it is true, but his reputation as a clean-handed patriot never recovered from the evidence brought against him. The late president of the Clan-na-Gael and of the National League has acted in these circumstances with characteristic sagacity. He has made no attempt to force himself upon the brethren. He has ostensibly retired from Irish politics. He no longer appears on league platforms, signs the circulars of the "I. N. B.," or personally attends the caucuses of either body. None the less he largely shapes the policy of both. The officers and the prominent members are his tools. From him they take their orders, and to him they look for support and for reward. Throughout the Parnell controversy, Sullivan, like his confederate Egan, has taken the same side as Mr. Davitt. Mr. Parnell had long resolutely striven to get the control of the American organisation more immediately into his own hands, and had thus incurred the enmity of the men who desired to use it for their own advancement in American politics. The sympathies of the "presumably honest" members were, on the other hand, notoriously with the late Irish leader. They entertained a firm and unshaken confidence in his cordial detestation of England, and in the sincerity of his resolve to sever the last link between Ireland and Great Britain, while they despised the priests and hated the place-hunters and the "Whigs."

Under these circumstances, Sullivan and his friends were altogether opposed to the summoning of a Convention this year. President Fitzgerald, however, was obstinately bent on resigning an office which had brought him nothing but annoyance and disappointment. He insisted on convoking the delegates, and it remained for Sullivan to make the best of the situation. As a Convention was inevitable, it was the plain interest of the wire-pullers to make it a success. The Presidential election is approaching, and they naturally desired to convince American politicians that the organisation which gave Mr. Patrick Egan to diplomacy is still a powerful and a well-disciplined body. They hoped, too, to benefit indirectly the three "brothers" at present "suffering penal horrors" in Joliet penitentiary for the murder of Dr. Cronin. The doom of these men is not yet finally decided. The sentences passed upon them may still be varied or annulled by the Court of Appeal, or the Governor of Illinois—who is, of course, himself an elective officer—may be moved to exercise the prerogative of mercy in their favour. No efforts accordingly were spared to swell the numbers of the delegates and to ensure their docility. As usual on such occasions, the wire-pullers and "machine-men" assembled at the scene of operations some days before the date fixed for the Convention. Sutton, the secretary, arrived on the 26th September, and by a curious coincidence business took Mr. Michael Davitt to Chicago about the same time. What that business was we do not pretend to say, but it has been alleged in a Nationalist newspaper that he stopped at the house of Alexander Sullivan, with whose career as the head of the dynamite conspiracy Mr. Davitt is, of course, fully informed since the report of the Special Commission. Perhaps Mr. Davitt's object was to convert Sullivan, as he says that he converted Ford from the murderous "gospel" he has so long preached and followed. As the "Father of the Land League" has announced his intention of accepting Parliamentary honours at the general election, he must naturally feel a special anxiety to prevent a repetition of the exploits which have enshrined Burton and Cunningham in the calendar of the Clan. On the other hand, it does not seem altogether improbable that the man who privately discussed all the possible phases of the Convention of 1886 with Sullivan and others the night before that body met, may have again talked over with his host the conduct of the gathering which immediately followed his visit.

Be this as it may, steps were certainly taken to prevent the delegates from pledging the open movement to the cause of Mr. Parnell, and, as usual, they were taken by means of secret meetings. The first of these was held about the time of Mr. Davitt's visit, and is said to have been attended by Bradley, the late chairman of the Executive Body of the Clan, as well as by such local patriots as Laurence Bulkeley, Patrick Corkery—who served on the National Executive Committee of the league in 1884 and 1886—and the notorious Frank Byrne, now settled in one of the Western States. This gathering was followed by a more formal caucus of the Chicago "camps," which was held in the rooms of "Camp" 12 on the first night of the Convention. Michael Gannon, of Iowa, John Finerty, of Chicago, and P. J. Tynan were amongst the orators of the evening. Their orders were to wean the "presumably honest" members of the brotherhood from their purpose of supporting Mr. Parnell in the Convention. The temper of the majority made it clear that if they sided with either of the Parliamentary factions, that faction would be his. It was accordingly determined to dissuade them from advocating a Parliamentary policy of any kind, and with this object the wire-pullers were directed to insist upon the superior merits of an independent policy of physical force. The speakers carried out their instructions with all the dexterity of experts. All of them delivered speeches of the most violent kind. They intimated that they had received advices from a trusty friend in Europe urging the brethren to seize the present opportunity, when the Parliamentarians were discredited by faction, in order to discard for ever all constitutional methods, and return to the true path of revolutionary warfare. The old guard, they declared, upon the Irish side of the Atlantic were up and stirring. The Irish Fenians, like their American brothers, were bent on throwing off the shackles which for so many years had bound them to a hollow and degrading alliance with men whom they despised. They would before long resume the warfare against the Saxon enemy which had come down to them from their sires—a warfare in which they held all weapons that would hurt that enemy legitimate. They, too, intended to meet in council in the old land, and to that council ambassadors from the clan would go to renew the old friendship between the independent Irishmen of America and the independent men at home. The speakers then explained that, nevertheless, they did not intend to discontinue the open movement. They proposed to keep it on foot as a useful auxiliary to their own organisation, from which they could readily draw supplies of men and money as occasion might require. The manœuvre proved completely successful. The caucus eagerly swallowed the bait offered them by Sullivan's lieutenants, and decided that the convention should refrain from expressing approbation of any Parliamentary party.

On the 1st October the convention met for its first public session in the Central Music Hall. From the first moment it was clear that the demonstration was a total and calamitous failure. The president of the league was absent from his place. The three vice-presidents had quarrelled as to which of them should fill it. As none of them would give way, Mr. O'Neil Ryan, of St. Louis, a well-known member of the "I. N. B.," was chosen to open the proceedings. The muster of delegates was contemptibly small, nor did their character and position make up for the deficiency of their numbers. About 200 delegates—barely a fifth of the number present in 1886—attended the sessions, and almost all of them were residents in Illinois and the adjoining States. Many, indeed, professed to be the emissaries of branches established in widely distant parts of the Republic, but it was notorious that most of these functionaries might any day be seen labouring in the stockyards or lounging in the saloons of the city of Chicago. The great majority of the representatives of the League were members of the Clan-na-Gael, and of that faction of the Clan-na-Gael which Sullivan controls, not a single "brother" from Devoy's party amongst the dynamiters was there. But even the Sullivanite sect of the dynamiters was no longer united. Although extra care was as usual taken to pack the committees with members of the dominant faction, and the rules adopted gave the presiding officers very stringent powers, all efforts to secure even a semblance of agreement were in vain. The sittings were several times suspended to allow the heated passions of the delegates to cool, and many were so incensed at the conduct of the officials that they angrily withdrew from the assemblage. Some impetuous friends of the majority of the Irish Parliamentary party were so ill-advised as to insist on moving a resolution in favour of Mr. M'Carthy's leadership and on pushing their proposal to a division. The suggestion provoked a storm of furious recrimination, and was finally defeated by 160 votes to 70. The number of votes recorded exceeds, it will be seen, the total number of delegates present. The circumstance is explained by the fact that several delegates, on one pretext or another, were permitted to vote in different capacities. For the first time in the history of the league a "minority report" was publicly presented, and even the "platform" finally adopted by the majority is evidently the result of a compromise. In that document the league refuses to pronounce judgment between the "contending elements" in Ireland, while expressing its hope that "one-man domination" will no longer be endured. It asserts that the Irish and all oppressed people should "seek freedom by peaceable means," and that "only when such have been fully tried and found wanting are nations and peoples justified in resorting to force." "We assert," the manifesto continues, "that it is equally their duty to prepare for an emergency and to stand ready to aid their kindred in every manly way." The fact that one of the two dynamite funds raised by Mr. Davitt's Christian friend Ford was known as the "emergency fund," and that the chief outrage-mongers of the brotherhood are described in patriotic circles as "heroes," may help outsiders to put a correct interpretation on this somewhat ambiguous passage, as also upon the paragraph in which the league pledges itself to remain "in readiness for the performance of such duties as the exigencies of the future may show to be proper."

Numerous and acute as are the differences which at present inflame the several sections of Irish and Irish-American patriots with mutual detestation, there is still one subject upon which they all agree. All are sincerely anxious to let loose the imprisoned dynamiters and murder-conspirators upon society once more, and clericals and anti-clericals vie with each other in the loudness and the vehemence of the clamour they raise for the release of these "political prisoners." The convention doubtless shared in full measure this generous eagerness. Its members would unquestionably rejoice with the clerical organ in Dublin to see all the captives free. But for one class of convicts it naturally felt a peculiar concern. The many members of the old dynamite organisation who sat upon its benches could not but cherish a special kindness for the wretches who had incurred their punishment in the service of the order. It accordingly called the attention of the American public to "the cause of the American citizens suffering penal horrors in British dungeons," and begged members of Congress to press their wrongs upon the State Department.

The names of the new officers do not call for any special comment. Gannon, the president, is an old and prominent member of the Clan-na-Gael, and has played a conspicuous part in the "open movement" since the days of the Land League. He was a vice-president of the Chicago Convention of 1881, where Messrs. T. P. O'Connor, T. Healy, and the Rev. Father Sheehy represented the Irish patriots. He filled the same post at Philadelphia two years later, and was nominated to serve upon the executive committee and the committee of seven of the newly-founded National League of America. He attended the Boston Convention of 1884 with Mr. Sexton, Mr. Egan, and Mr. William Redmond, and was again chosen a member of the governing committees of the "constitutional" movement. In 1886 he took an active part at the second Chicago Convention, but was not selected on that occasion for any permanent post. Mr. Lyman, the new treasurer, chosen to succeed the Rev. Charles O'Reilly, is, on the other hand, a comparatively new member of the "I. N. B." He is not likely to be overburdened with labour just at present. At its latest meeting the chief financial operation of the league, which supplied the Nationalist members of Parliament with £7500 in 1886 and with £10,500 in 1887, was to reduce its own secretary's salary by one-third. The secret movement to which the league owed life and energy is at the last gasp; its leaders divided, its coffers empty, its counsels betrayed; and, with the secret movement, the constitutional organisation which was its creature has passed from power, affluence, and prosperity to impotence, poverty, and decay.

THE NEW TUNNEL UNDER THE THAMES.

The London County Council have at last signed a contract for the construction of the much-debated tunnel at Blackwall, and should there be no hitch we may anticipate in three years (says the *Pall Mall Gazette*) the completion of a work which will be of incalculable value to that busy and populous portion of the metropolis which lies east of London Bridge.

When the Metropolitan Board of Works received its quietus, the county council began *de novo* to consider the best means of communication across the river. They consulted Mr. Wolfe Barry, who recommended a bridge; but, after a thorough examination of all the *pros* and *cons*, they decided that a tunnel, as originally approved of by the Metropolitan Board of Works, would best meet the case if it were carried out in a modified form, and they decided to construct a tunnel of 27ft. in diameter, which, in consequence of the advance in knowledge that had been obtained in dealing with works of this kind for the last three years, was now considered a feasible though strikingly bold conception.

Mr. Binnie (the chief engineer to the county council) has prepared the plans and specifications of the work, as now to be executed, in consultation with Sir Benjamin Baker and Mr. Greathead.

On the north side the entrance to the tunnel is in the East India Dock-road, quite in the heart of a busy and densely-populated district. On the south side it will debouch on Greenwich marshes about a mile and a quarter from Greenwich Hospital. The heavy traffic from the docks will be able to reach Greenwich, Deptford, and the populous districts of South London by way of the tunnel, instead of making the circuit of London Bridge—a saving of at least 10 miles. The gradient, of which so much has been made, will not be a serious obstacle. It is less than that of the roadway, at St. Martin's Church, leading from the Grand Hotel to the corner of the National Gallery.

On each side there will be an open approach to the tunnel of about 300 yards, and the total length of the tunnel proper will be 4464ft., of which 1212ft. is to be under the river. The exterior diameter of the tunnel is, as we have said, 27ft., and the interior 24ft., and when we state that this exceeds by 5½ft. the largest tunnel ever attempted of this class, the uniqueness of the work will be appreciated. The tunnel under the Hudson, which is also being built by Messrs. Pearson, has a diameter of 19ft. 6in., and the Sarnia tunnel under the St. Clair River, which Sir Henry Tyler opened recently, is about 20ft. 6in. The work at Blackwall will give a roadway of 16ft., available for two lines of vehicular traffic, and a footpath on each side of 3ft. The tunnel being an exact circle, the roadway will be raised about a fourth from the bottom, leaving a headway of 17ft. 1½in. The space under the roadway is to be utilised for a subway 4ft. wide by 4½ft. high, for drainage, lighting, and other purposes. For 6593ft. the tunnel will be constructed of iron, with a lining of white glazed bricks; 761ft. of "cut and cover" will be of concrete and brick, and 1645ft. of "open cut" will be of the same material. The iron will be 2in. thick, and the brick lining 15in. Fourteen segments and a keypiece will make up a ring 2½ft. wide. The work of tunnelling will be carried out by shields, having novel safety faces and other special appliances, on lines suggested by Sir Benjamin Baker. This work will undoubtedly be the most difficult of the kind ever attempted, as the bore will come within 6ft. of the bed of the river, and nothing will intervene between the shield and the 45ft. of water at high tide but 6ft. of gravel. The Severn and Mersey Tunnels were built in rock, and in their case the work was done on known and tried methods, but at Blackwall we have quite other conditions, and without the shield system it would be a simple impossibility to do the work. It will be necessary to use compressed air for at least two-thirds of the entire length of the tunnel, and care will in consequence have to be exercised in picking the men, for, while some can work with perfect impunity under a pressure of 30lb. to 40lb., others would be maimed for life. Operations will begin at several points, the shafts which have to be sunk being utilised for this purpose. Three of these shafts, about 60ft. in diameter, will remain permanently as stairways for foot-passengers, and the fourth for ventilation.

The Parliamentary estimate for the original scheme was £1,124,000, whereas the contract has now been let for £871,000 for a tunnel to answer practically the purposes of the three tunnels originally proposed to be built. As compared with former works the cost is extremely moderate. The old Thames Tunnel was built for about £1200 per yard, while the Blackwall Tunnel will work out at about one-third of that amount.

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SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.—December 26.

Leura (s.), 1186 tons, Captain John D. Joy, from Brisbane 24th instant. Passengers—Mrs. Williams, Mrs. W. Robinson, Mrs. E. Kusler, Mrs. M'Grath, Mrs. J. Sacarage and 4 children, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. A. Mason, Mrs. W. M'Donald, Miss Bloxham, Miss Nelson, Miss Gerrabdy, Miss Stirling, Messrs. E. P. Dawbarn, Chalayn, M'Grath, H. Higgins, F. Hall, Younger, H. Buckley, J. Raff, M'Cullum, Williams, M'Vean, Rushton, H. Stracy, E. Jolly, T. Robinson, E. Kesler, J. Reed, T. Day, J. Sacarage, Master Letherington, Master J. Sacarage, and 35 in the steerage. W. Howard Smith and Sons, Limited, agents.

Cintra, 1979 tons, Captain J. B. S. Medley, from Melbourne 24th instant. Passengers—Mrs. Newman, Mrs. Salinger, Mrs. M'Kenna, Mrs. Armstrong, Mrs. Lellan, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Monckton and family, Mrs. M'Culloch, Miss Tonner, Miss M'Leish, Miss M. Tucker, Miss E. Dellar, Miss Robertson, Miss Hubbard, Miss Bolger, Miss Thurston, Miss Laidlaw, Miss Orme, Misses Hopton (2), Messrs. Newman, D. Smith, Smith, jun., Turner and family (2), Salinger, Salinger (2), J. Ferguson, R. Cruickshank, W. Ross, W. Bruton, W. M'Anish, G. B. M'Loughlin, A. Taylor, M'Kenna, W. Dixon, Delearte, Ferguson, Gatenby, Armstrong, Berry, C. E. Blazey, W. Blazey, A. E. Butler, J. Young, J. Pursell, Poston, O. G. Jamieson, I. Illingworth, F. Illingworth, Dowden, Nevin, W. Strachan, D. Strachan, G. Turner, Bolger, I. Abraham, H. Smith, W. Smith, H. Wilson, M'Culloch, T. J. Taylor, J. M'Alpine, I. and G. M'Alpine, I. Nixon, I. Sutcliffe, H. Green, S. Kohn, Kohn, jun., Skyding, Heinz, W. Heale, and 60 in the steerage. Burns, Philp, and Co., Limited, agents.

Oonah (s.), 1035 tons, Captain W. J. Featherstone, from Hobart 24th instant, via Eden 25th instant. Passengers—Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. Barkas, Mrs. Hands, Mrs. Wilson, Miss Truman, Misses Moore (2), Miss Fitchett, Rev. D. Moore, Master Griffiths, Messrs. Wood, W. E. Ord, M'Loughlin, Egginton, A. S. Cooper, W. Lindsell, H. Abell, Thomas Lambert, Flockart, Hands, H. Newnham, L. Newnham, D. J. Hines, H. Yelland, F. Downes, E. R. Mack, H. Wilson, C. Hendop, S. F. Ramsay, and 7 in the steerage. F. W. Jackson, agent.

Arawatta (s.), 2500 tons, Captain F. G. Lee, from Cooktown, via ports. Passengers—Mesdames L. Armstrong, Hobler and maid, Short and two children, Mackenzie and child, Richardson, W. A. Williams, Reeves, Humberstone, C. Grant, Percival and child, Jones, Melbourne, Picot and child, E. B. Macpherson, G. Irwin and child, Lady Macgregor and two children, Misses Van Heuchelum, E. Williams, M. Williams, Reeves, M. O'Connell, F. O'Connell, Melbourne, M. B. Sims, Messrs. L. Armstrong, H. Simonsen, W. Royd, F. H. Cole, A. Mackenzie, C. Hansen, Sidney Abrahams, Richardson, G. Williams, S. Williams, A. Williams, L. E. Tuckerman, Barrett, Laurence, Barkley, Buchanan, M'Lellan, Lacaze, J. Ward, Carl Zoeller, J. N. Anderson, W. G. M. Anderson, W. N. Craigie, Allen, Picot, M. Stuart, G. J. Grice, Limmer, R. Large, Charles Ward, Walter Douglas, S. Churchill Otton, Bradbury, W. Harien, Macdonald, Chaleyer. For Melbourne: Mesdames D. Patience, Jenkins and three children, P. E. Dalzell two children infant, and nurse, R. A. Rankin, Goodman, J. Wagner, Prowse, Miss Jones, Messrs. J. Brown, D. Patience, Watson, Jenkins, C. S. Norris, T. Gardner, P. E. Dalzell, C. L. Wilson, T. Ruxton, R. A. Rankin, Goodman, J. Wagner, Prowse, G. W. M'Intyre, F. F. Russell, Rev. G. D. Buchanan; and 66 in the second-class for all ports. Burns, Philp, and Co., Limited, agents.

Time (s.), 2575 tons, Captain W. T. Liley, from Melbourne, via Geelong, 24th instant. W. Howard Smith and Sons, Limited, agents.

Wyoming (s.), 259 tons, Captain Evans, from Richmond River 24th December. W. T. Yeager, agent.

Florence, barque, 839 tons, Captain M'Donald, from Hamburg September 7. Henry Austin, agent.

Newcastle (s.), 1251 tons, Captain Richard J. Skinner, from Newcastle 25th instant. Newcastle S. S. Company, Limited, agents.

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City of Grafton (s.), 875 tons, Captain John Magee, from Grafton 26th instant. Passengers—Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Green, Mrs. Quayle, Miss Lacey, Miss Page, Miss Zeitsch, Miss Quayle, Messrs. G. Ball, T. Glessan, J. Zeitsch, J. W. Roberts, M. Avery, F. G. Brown, H. Miles, R. Greig, J. Fraser, J. E. Hopwood, J. Roberts, E. T. Onions, T. V. Close, F. Kritsch, W. E. Benson, N. Jensen, A. H. Edwards, A. Nicholson, W. Davis, W. Corrigan, T. Barrason, T. Colliss, E. Colliss, J. Colliss, Masters Burns, Frazer, and 9 in the second cabin. North Coast S. N. Company, agents.

Argus (s.) (Currie's Calcutta line), 2750 tons, Captain J. Curry, from Calcutta 15th ultimo, Singapore 23rd ultimo, Cheribon, Java, 29th ultimo, Adelaide 17th instant, and Melbourne 25th instant. Passengers: Saloon: Mr. and Mrs. Salter, Mrs. Steine, Miss Bonbach, Messrs. Alexander Cummings, Emmerson, William Hay, J. Heagney, Moore, E. Page, Ridgway, Stillman, and Wilson. Cowlishaw Bros., agents.

Strathdon, barque, 2028 tons, Captain A. T. Wills, from London 18th September. Passengers—Mr. A. Helps, Mrs. Wills, Master A. Wills. Montefiore, Joseph, and Co., agents.

Wyrallah (s.), 300 tons, Captain W. B. Nelson, from Coff Harbour the 26th December. North Coast S.N. Company, Limited, agents.

Allowrie (s.), 500 tons, Captain Walker, from Southern ports the 26th December. Passengers—Messrs. Shuback, Peirce, Whitney, Maher, Hill, Coleman, Jeffers, Laycock (2), Christian, Berry, Chassing, Stennett, Sarne, Sesarago, Robinson, Bong, Guy, Ryan, Warden, Johnson, Pearson, Sesarago, Guy, Robinson, Atkins, Symonson, Miss Reynolds, Miss Hays, Misses Smith (2). Illawarra S.N. Company, agents.

Manapouri (s.), 1929 tons, Captain A. Cameron, from Auckland and Southern New Zealand ports. Passengers—Miss Stewart, Miss Stevens, Miss M. Frazer, Miss Williams, Miss Thompson, Miss Harding, Mrs. Senator, Mrs. Stewart, Mrs. Darby, Mrs. Gates, Mrs. Hart and child, Mrs. Lillington, Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. C. J. Fox and infant, Mrs. M'Lellan and infant, Mrs. Simpson, Mrs. Caldwell, Mrs. Lewis, Mrs. Williamson, Messrs. T. J. and H. P. Ham, E. and T. Looney, H. Dunn, Williams, Thomson, Williamson, Dimant, E. C. Welsh, Smythe, J. Parker, Elder Gates, Hart, Lillington, Robinson, Nelson, D. R. Caldwell, J. Page, R. Holt, M'Mahon, and 46 in the steerage. F. W. Jackson, agent.

Peerless, brigantine, 281 tons, Captain Anderson, from Noumea 17th December. J. F. Walker, agent.

Namoi (s.), 1414 tons, Captain W. A. Knowles, from Newcastle 26th December. Hunter River New S. N. Co., agents.

Buninyong (s.), 2070 tons, Captain T. B. Richardson, from Melbourne 24th December. Passengers—Miss Sommer, Miss Patten, Miss Edwards, Misses Sheehan (2), Misses M'Dougall (2), Miss Ward, Miss Norton, Miss Winnen, Mrs. Richardson, Mrs. Edwards, Mrs. Davison, Mrs. Borden, Mrs. Crawford, Mrs. Ainger, Mrs. Hodgson, Messrs. M'Ilwraith, Douglas, M'Intyre, Hall, Sheriff, Smith, Goss (2), M'Ewen, Borden, Astwell, Henderson, Heath, Price, Gallaghan, Crawford, Thompson, Bickett, Laidman, Wright, Christian, Plumer, Lush, Mason, Martin, Hodgson, Mansom, Willox, Nators, Zearn, and 30 in the steerage. Wm. Howard Smith and Sons, Limited, agents.

PROJECTED DEPARTURES.—December 28.

Parramatta, R.M.S., for London, via ports; Alameda, R.M.S., for San Francisco, via ports; Arawatta (s.), for Melbourne; Oonah (s.), for Hobart; Corinna (s.), for Launceston, via Eden; Newcastle (s.), for Newcastle; Brinawarr (s.), for Berry.

DEPARTURES.—December 26.

Australien, French mail steamer, for Marseilles, via ports.
Innamincka (s.), for Melbourne and Adelaide.
Peregrine (s.), for Brisbane and Northern ports.
Leura (s.), for Melbourne and Adelaide.
Fitzroy (s.), for Brisbane and ports.

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Concordia, barque, for Antwerp.
Beringa, barque, for Rio Janeiro.

CLEARANCES.—December 26.

Peregrine (s.), 1500 tons, Captain John Pain, for Brisbane and Queensland ports. Passengers—Miss M'Evoy, Miss Deering, Mrs. Monday, Mrs. S. T. Burgess, Mrs. Floodyatt and 2 children, Messrs. Monday, Corti, E. Fraser, A. B. Chapman, Ernest Aldous, Kidman, R. C. W. Cheesman, and 30 in the steerage.

Innamincka (s.), 2500 tons, Captain T. W. Lockyer, for Melbourne and Adelaide. Passengers—Captain and Mrs. Owen, Mr. and Mrs. J. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Shipway and infant, Mrs. Franklin, Mrs. Burlingham, Mrs. Sibbald, Mrs. George Kelly and two children, Mrs. North, Miss Auslini, Miss Osborne, Miss M'Donald, Miss A. T. Jones, Miss Ainslie, Miss C. Fox, Miss Castell, Miss Robertson, Messrs. G. Muir, Rev. O'Brien, W. Scott, J. W. Parsons, Ure, Murison, A. S. Cornell, T. R. Carter, W. W. Austen, Heskett, Arthur Mellor, M'Donald, Franklin, F. A. Drury, Alex. M'Mackin, James Robertson, Gibbons, R. Forbes, J. Harvey, H. Roddam, Galvin, Corrigan, Smith, and 44 in the steerage.

Australien, French mail steamer, 6428 tons, Captain G. Didier, for Marseilles, via ports. Passengers—From Sydney for Marseilles: Mr. and Mrs. A. Tobin and child, Miss Keogh, Mr. and Mrs. A. Watkins and 2 children, Mr. Thomas Smith, Mr. G. Cudenet, Mr. L. Jaubert, Mr. and Mrs. Julliott, Mr. Robin, Mr. E. Perrin, Mr. C. Deville, Mr. Constantin, Mrs. Belentant, Mrs. and Mrs. Reboul, Mr. Lerreu, Mrs. Nord and child, Mr. Tedesco, Mr. and Mrs. Baldi, Mr. and Mrs. Bouvier and 2 children, Mr. Quemener, Mr. Tison, Mr. Tuncas, Mr. B. Labon, and 36 in the steerage. From Sydney for London: Miss Gibson, Mr. Gibson, Doctor A. Leir, Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Wise and child, Mr. and Mrs. M'Eachran, Mr. J. M'Donald. From Sydney for Albany: Rev. Father Hawthorne, Mr. Cunnington. From Sydney for Melbourne: Mrs. O'Brien, Rev. Father Le Rennetel, Mr. Mergell, Dr. and Mrs. Burn, Mr. Herman, Mr. Smith, Mr. J. L. Ogilvy, Misses Howard, Mr. Freehill, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Van Rompaey, Mr. J. Smith, Mr. Fleming.

Leura (s.), 1186 tons, Captain John D. Joy, for Melbourne. Passengers—Miss Minnie, Miss Proctor, Miss M'Inery, Mrs. Burney, Mrs. Lloyd, Mrs. Tomlin, Mrs. Nursey, Mrs. Thugar, Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Stoot, Messrs. Tomlin, Thugar, Hawkins, Jocelyn, J. Tiney, Hill, Buckley, G. Fletcher, Dawson, Clayton, Burney, Fijon, M'Venn, B. Stacey, Blackmann, Nursey, E. Tankard, Laws, T. Crennan, J. Reid, Moore, Master Moore, Jno. Stewart, R. Powell, J. Williams, and 40 in the steerage.

Fitzroy (s.), 870 tons, Captain J. E. Botcher, for Brisbane, Maryborough, Bundaberg, and Rockhampton. Passengers—Mrs. Knapp, Miss Knapp, Miss Campbell, Messrs. F. Cleary, H. Fryers, W. Groat, and 10 in the steerage.

Buninyong (s.), from Melbourne: 100 sacks malt, 1300 bags chaff, 100 bags onions, 11 cases paper, 10 cases ale, 20 hogsheads wine, 5 pipes and 3 hogsheads colonial wine, 450 cases empty tins, 18 bars and 3 bundles steel, 5 packages hardware, 300 tons pigiron, 16 packages sundries, and cargo for Northern ports.

Manapouri (s.), from Auckland: 296 sacks oats, 120 sacks sharps, 55 sacks hides, 400 sacks fungus, 110 sacks oatmeal, 36 sacks copper and brass, 47 bundles copper and brass, 78 cases meats, 80 cases machines, 32 cases dried fish, 81 cases soapene, 10 cases mullet, 115 cases cheese, 9 bales hops, 380 bundles box timber, 80 coils rope, 18 bales flax, and a quantity of sundries.

IMPORTS.—December 26.

[A special charge is made for consignees' announcements in this column.]

Leura (s.), from Brisbane: 8 bales kangaroo skins, 2 bags hair, 1 bale sheepskins, 134 cases pines, 4 cases tomatoes, 7 cases passion fruit, 51 bags oysters, 4 swinging boats, 2 cases printed books, 1 length pipe, 1 case shells, 289 bales wool, 95 hides, 600 bags sugar, and 17 packages sundries.

Cintra (s.), from Melbourne: 369 cases fruit, 306 boxes raisins, 133 cases currants, 297 bundles steel lathing, 200 drums sheep dip, 100 bags arrowroot, 150 bags malt, 38 lengths piping, guttering, &c., 153 rolls wire netting, 17 packages samples, 73 cases hop, 20 bundles strawboards, 14 cases navy bread, 24 cases champagne, and 30 packages merchandise.

Oonah (s.), from Hobart, from Eden: 100 cases and 153 half-cases fruit, 1205 bags bark, 34 bundles willows, 6265 staves, 200 casks fruit, 50 cases hops, 43 bags fruit, 1315 bags silver ore, and a quantity of sundries; also 120 bags bark for transhipment to Brisbane.

Time (s.), from Melbourne, via Geelong: 4681 bags chaff, 129 bags onions, 29 bales pelts, 1 rabbit poison distributor, 2 bundles shares, 1 iron handle, and sundries.

Arawatta (s.), from Queensland ports: 1500 sacks sugar, 150 bags sugar, 200 bales wool, 320 cases fruit, 130 hides, 19 bags bones, 14 bags horns, 18 casks tallow, 2 horses, 55 bags oysters, 2 packages gold, a quantity of sundries, and through cargo for Melbourne.

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Peerless, from Noumea: 127 tons chrome ore, 180 tons copra.

Argus (s.), from Calcutta and Singapore, via ports: 625 packages gunnies, 3 coils coir rope, 3 cases shellac, 1826 bundles rattans, 40 cases canes, 50 teak planks, 275 cases castor oil, 1900 bags rice, 200 bags dholl, 489 packages tea, 880 bags pearl tapioca, 172 bags flake tapioca, 70 bags black pepper, 400 drums linseed oil, and sundries. For Brisbane: 135 bags pearl tapioca, 30 bags flake tapioca, 6 bales cloves, 10 cases nutmegs, 30 cases gin, and sundries. For Suva: 683 packages Coolie stores.

EXPORTS.—December 26.

Fitzroy (s.), for Queensland ports: 800 bags flour, 349 cases fruit, 160 cases milk, 20 boxes butter, 3 casks lime-juice, 10 sacks oatmeal, 8 bales corks, 5 cases capsules, 17 packages drugs, 30 bundles bags, 14 packages newspapers, 3 coils rope, 2 bales kapok, 12 packages hardware, 6 bundles iron, 22 steel plates, 37 coils wire, 473 bags ore, 4 bundles shovels, and a quantity of sundries.

Captain John D. Joy reports that the steamer Leura left Brisbane on the 24th December, rounded the Pile lighthouse at 4.10 p.m., and cleared Cape Moreton at 7 p.m. same date, passed the South Solitary Heads at 9.45 a.m. on the 25th, and Seal Rocks at 8.40 p.m. same day, entered Sydney Heads at 8 a.m. on the 26th, and proceeded to the Company's Wharf. Experienced light winds and fine weather to Seal Rocks, thence strong S.S.E. gale and high sea to arrival.

Captain W. T. Liley reports that the steamer Time left Geelong at 7 p.m. on the 24th instant, and cleared Port Phillip Heads at 10 p.m. same day, passed Wilson's Promontory at 7 a.m., and Gabo Island at 9.40 p.m. on the 25th, Cape St. George at 11.15 a.m. on the 26th, and entered Sydney Heads at 6.10 p.m. same day, mooring at the Company's Wharf at 6.50 p.m. Experienced strong S.W. gale with high sea to Gabo Island, and thence to arrival variable winds with fine weather.

Captain J. B. S. Medley reports that the steamer Cintra left Melbourne wharf at 6.30 p.m. on the 24th, and entered Sydney Heads at 4 p.m. on the 26th. Experienced strong S.W. winds and moderate sea, with thick squally weather, to Gabo Island, and thence fine weather to arrival.

The U. S. S. Company's Oonah (s.), Captain W. J. Featherstone, arrived at 11.15 p.m. on the 26th. She left Hobart at 9.30 p.m. on the 24th, passed Cape Barren at 2 p.m. on the 25th, and arrived in Eden at 5.30 a.m. on the 26th; left again same day at 6.45 a.m., and passed Montague Island at 11 a.m., and arrived as above. Experienced S.W. winds and moderate sea to Eden, and thence to arrival light N.E. winds and smooth sea.

Captain W. Evans reports that the steamer Wyoming crossed out the Richmond bar at 2.30 p.m. on the 24th December, and arrived at the wharf at 2 p.m. on the 26th December, having experienced strong N.E. breeze up till 25th, with smooth water; thence to port strong S.S.W. wind and moderate sea. Cargo: 89 pine logs, 13,000ft. sawn pine, 110 hides, 3000ft. cedar, 14 bags bones and horns, 65 bags potatoes, 2 kegs butter, 1 bale sheepskins.

Captain F. G. Lee reports that the steamer Arawatta left Cooktown 9.30 a.m. 18th instant, called at Port Douglas and Cairns on the same date and left Townsville 2.30 p.m. 21st instant, called at Bowen and Mackay on the 22nd instant, and left Keppel Bay 11.40 a.m. 23rd, and arrived at Brisbane 2 p.m. 24th instant; left Brisbane 2 a.m. 25th instant, passed Smoky Cape 10.10 p.m. on the same date, and arrived at Sydney 4.30 p.m. 26th instant. Experienced fresh southerly winds from Cooktown to Brisbane, fresh northerly winds from Brisbane to the South Solitary, strong southerly winds and high sea from Smoky Cape to Port Stephens, and light variable winds thence to arrival.

Captain J. Magee reports that the steamer City of Grafton crossed the Clarence bar on Saturday at 1.45 p.m., arrived in Sydney on Sunday at 6 p.m. Cargo: 132 bags maize, 13 bags bones, 153 bags sugar, 26 bags oysters, 82 bags potatoes, 75 cases eggs, 4 cases fish, 24 coops poultry, 17 hides, 3 pigs, and sundries.

Captain T. B. Richardson reports that the steamer Buninyong left Melbourne on the 24th December, at 7 p.m.; passed Wilson's Promontory 25th, at 8.10 a.m.; rounded Gabo Island on the 26th, at 1.30 a.m.; arrived in Sydney on the 27th, at 1.30 a.m. Experienced fresh westerly gale and squally weather to Gabo, fresh S.W. wind thence to Montague Island, and moderate northerly wind and fine weather the rest of the passage.

The brigantine Peerless, Captain Anderson, with a cargo of copra and ore, arrived from Noumea yesterday after a passage of 10 days' duration. Good weather prevailed up to Christmas Eve, when the vessel met with a hard southerly gale. She came through without damage, though the blow was a particularly heavy one and sent up a tremendous sea.

Captain Walker reports that the steamer Allowrie left Eden at 8 a.m. on the 26th, called at ports, and arrived at company's wharf at 10 a.m. on the 27th. Cargo: 230 kegs butter, 932 cheeses, 298 bales wool, 300 bags bark, 10 bales skins, 4 rolls leather, 30 bags maizena, 1 horse.

Captain Walker reports that the steamer Wyrallah, from Coff Harbour, left there at 9 a.m. on 26th instant, arrived in Sydney at 7 p.m. on the 27th. Experienced strong southerly winds and high sea to Tacking Point, thence to port moderate N.E. winds and fine weather. Cargo: 66 logs cedar, 36 pieces cedar.

The Union Steamship Company's s.s. Manapouri, 1929 tons, Captain A. Cameron, arrived in port yesterday at 10 p.m., from Auckland. The Manapouri left Dunedin at 3 p.m. on the 16th instant, calling at Lyttelton, Wellington, Napier, Gisborne, Auckland, and Russell (bay of islands), leaving the latter port at 11.30 a.m. on the 23rd instant. North Cape was abeam at 6.5 p.m. same day, and west end of Three Kings abeam at 9.45 p.m. same evening, sighted Sydney Heads at 7.30 p.m., arriving alongside of wharf as above. Experienced fine weather with smooth sea until Christmas Day, when strong S.W. wind with heavy sea was met with, which lasted until the evening of the 26th instant, thence fine weather.

SPEAKINGS.

Ships spoken during passage of the Strathdon:—October 10, in lat. 25 N., long. 23 W., German ship Wega (QDBH), 28 days from Bremen, for Bassein; at the same time, the German barque BLCW (?), 18 days from and to the same ports; October 12, spoke barque Loch Doon, 35 days from River Tees, to Port Hunter, in lat. 20·33 N. and 25 W.; November 17, spoke ship Errol of Dundee, from Cardiff to South Australia, 56 days out, in 44 S., 6 E.; November 24, spoke barque Firth of Forth, from Glasgow to Adelaide, 64 days out, in 44·33 S., 37·21 E.

THE ARGUS.

Messrs. Archibald Currie and Co.'s steamer Argus is from Calcutta, Singapore, and Java, via Adelaide and Melbourne. The Argus has had a successful round on this occasion, and landed the horses she took from Sydney to India in good order. The steamer left Calcutta on the 15th ultimo, and had fine weather down the Hooghly. The N.E. monsoons were fallen in with shortly after clearing Sand Heads, and were carried to lat. 10 N. Squally weather from S. and S.S.W. prevailed thence until arrival at Singapore on the 22nd November. After taking in cargo she sailed next day for Cheribon, where a shipment of sugar was taken in. Leaving Cheribon on the 29th ultimo the steamer had light winds and fine weather until clearing Balli Straits. The winds afterwards were southerly and from S.W., and fresh southerly winds were met with to lat. 16 S., whence strong breezes with rough squally weather prevailed to Cape Leeuwin, which was passed on the 8th instant. Fresh westerly gales and a high sea were encountered afterwards until arrival at Adelaide. The Argus put out a large quantity of cargo at Adelaide, and left for Melbourne on the 17th instant. A good deal of cargo was landed there, and departure taken on the 25th December. The agents for Messrs. Currie's line are Messrs. Cowlishaw Brothers.

THE STRATHDON.

The barque Strathdon, in command of Captain A. T. Wills, arrived yesterday from London. The barque has come into port in excellent order, and Captain Wills supplies the following account of the voyage:—Left E. I. Docks at noon on the 17th September, brought up at the Nore same night, and left the anchorage at daylight next morning. Cast off the tug at 3 a.m. off Beachy Head on the 19th September, and proceeded down Channel against moderate and fresh W.S.W. winds. Pilot left ship on the 21st September, off Brixham; from there to latitude 39 N. strong southerly winds and high seas prevailed. The N.E. trades were found in 26 N. lat., moderate in force, and were lost in 9 N. Sighted San Antonio on the 9th October. Picked up S.E. trades in 5 N. lat., fresh and squally; crossed the equator on the 27th October in long. 29·45 W., 39 days out. On the 3rd November sighted the island of Trindad, and lost the trades next day; then S. and S.S.E. winds to 32 S., followed by fresh gales from N.W. and N., with high sea. Crossed the prime meridian on the 16th November in 43·35 S., with a strong N.E. wind; and next day, the 17th November, at 11 p.m., in lat. 44 S., long. 6 E., a large iceberg was seen, distant about 10 miles. When passing the berg reports like cannon were heard from it. The temperature of the air was 45, and also 45 of the sea. Two smaller bergs were passed next morning to the northward of ship, the weather being fine and sea smooth. The easting was run down on the parallel of 45, with moderate and strong winds from N.W. to S., with high W.S.W. swell. Passed meridian of the Leeuwin on the 10th December, with a hard southerly gale and fierce squalls of hail veering to S.W., with a high confused sea, causing large quantities of water to break on board. On the 13th December, when in lat. 44·30 S., 132 E. long., the barometer fell very rapidly, with threatening weather, and next day registered 28·55, and oscillating, and at 9 a.m. the ship was in a hard N.E. gale, with blinding rain and gusts of almost hurricane force, alternating with occasional lulls that were almost calms, although the heavy rain continued until midday, when the wind dropped and weather cleared. At 8 next morning the mercury started to rise, and wind veered N.W., steadily increasing, until at noon a fierce gale was blowing with a heavy sea running. Oil-bags were used with good result in preventing some of the heavy seas from rolling inboard, although large bodies of water still continued to do so. Passed Cape Tasmania on the 16th December, with strong S.W. wind; then fine, light weather until the 18th, when a hard westerly gale was met with, and in crossing the Straits the high beam seas got up very ugly, causing the ship to roll very heavily. Oil-bags were again used to save damage from the seas that came on board. The breeze abated at night, and fine clear weather ensued until sighting Mount Dromedary on the 19th instant, then dull E. and N.E. winds and calms until the 22nd, when the wind freshened to a N.E. gale, during which the mainstaysail was split; the wind worked round to north and blew hard, with a nasty sea. This weather continued till the 24th instant, when very heavy rains set in with heavy thunder, and chain lightning very vivid. This continued until Christmas morning, when it cleared up and calm. The ship was 48 miles S.E. of the Heads on Christmas evening, when she was struck with the southerly buster, which blew with whole-gale force; the maintopgallant was blown from its gear and yard. Such was its fury that the ship had to run N. until sail could be taken in, and the ship rounded to. Fine clear weather and light S.S.W. wind followed till yesterday, when favourable N.E. weather continued till arrival, 97 days out from Start Point. Entered Heads at 3 p.m., and anchored in Mossman's Bay at 4 p.m. The barque comes to Messrs. Montefiore, Joseph, and Co.

WOOL SHIPS.

Amongst the sailings of wool ships are to be added the fine ship Mount Stewart, despatched last week by Messrs. John Sanderson and Co., to London, and the Concordia, for Antwerp, loaded by the Sydney Wool Dumping and Stevedoring Company (Messrs. Balchin, Johnston, and Co.). The Concordia left with over 4800 bales of wool and deadweight. The Messrs. John Sanderson and Co. loaded the Mount Stewart with the largest cargo of wool taken by a sailer this season—namely, 8883 bales. In addition to this fine freight the ship has under hatches a large quantity of hides and tallow. The particulars are given elsewhere in the summary of exports. The Mount Stewart was docked here for cleaning, and as she left the port in perfect trim Captain Smith's hopes of making a smart run home should be realised with anything near an average weather passage.

THE JAPANESE WARSHIP.

The Hi-Yei, Japanese warship, will probably make a start to-day southward, en route to Melbourne. The officers leave here with regret, the scenery in and around Sydney being much admired by them. They also express a warm sense of gratification at the treatment themselves and the crew have received while in Port Jackson.

THE FLORENCE.

The barque Florence, built to Lloyd's extra requirements—an iron vessel of exceptional strength and in splendid order—arrived here on Saturday last from Hamburg. The Florence is in command of Captain M'Donald, and brings a general cargo from the busy port on the Elbe. She left Hamburg for Sydney on the 2nd September, and passed Portland Bill on the 12th September. She comes to the agency of Mr. H. Austin.

THE REPAIRS TO THE PORT DOUGLAS.

The steamer Port Douglas will have the injury to her propeller made good at Melbourne. An explanation of the position to hand says:—The steamship arrived from London with three of her four propeller blades gone, and has been taken alongside the graving dock pier, Williamstown, to have them replaced. Had the Alfred Graving Dock been disengaged, or had the river docks been large enough for her, the Port Douglas would have made use of one or other, and the question of towing her round to Sydney would not have been entertained. As the Bancoora is likely to retain possession of the dock for some time, however, some plan had to be devised to affix the blades. Alongside the pier the steamer will be overended, or have her trim so altered that she will be well down in the water forward and the stern will be elevated. If all goes well the blades will be screwed on quickly. The propeller is a cast-steel one, and has screwed blades. The Port Douglas, it will be recollected, came along a distance of 4000 miles under canvas when the propeller got disabled.

DISCOLOURED WATER.

From lat. 44·30 S. and 47·27 E. to 59 E. long., Captain Wills reports the barque Strathdon was sailing through a patch of dark green water, of which a sample was taken and sealed in a bottle. Numbers of porpoises were playing about over the surface of this peculiar-coloured part of the ocean.

NEWCASTLE SHIPPING REPORTS.

Messrs. James and Alexander Brown write the following shipping movements at Newcastle for the past month to the 24th current:—Foreign export, 52,861 tons coal—3 for Mauritius, 3067 tons; 4 for Eastern ports, 6444 tons; 23 for America, 43,150 tons, distributed as follows—5 for Pacific Slope, 14,882 tons; 16 for west coast South America, 21,897 tons; 2 for Honolulu, 2185 tons. There are 21 vessels in port to load coal—7 for Pacific Slope, 8262 tons register; 11 for west coast South America, 11,706 tons register; 1 for Kahului, 495 tons register; 1 for Mauritius, 1982 tons register; 1 for Manila, 1299 tons register. The British s.s. Strathclyde, 2154 tons register, is here to load wool. The British barque Carnarvon Castle, 1154 tons register, is unchartered. The month's business has been a fair one. Tonnage offering more freely; freight steady at quotations. Estimated tonnage, now in adjacent colonies, to arrive here next month, 22,000 tons register or 33,000 tons capacity. Spot Fixtures.—We have to advise the American schooner E. K. Wood, 495 tons register, for Kahului, at 16s, thence full cargo sugar, San Francisco, 12s; the Muke Maru (s.), for Singapore, at 11s 3d; the Norwegian barque Poseidon, 555 tons register, for Honolulu, private rate; the British barque Kosciusko, 1192 tons register, for San Diego or San Pedro, at 16s 9d; the Norwegian barque Ursis Minor and the Norwegian barque Memento, both for San Diego, at 17s. The British barque G. M. Tucker, 519 tons register, for Mauritius, at 21s.

Messrs. Gibbs, Bright and Co., in their monthly circular, in addition to giving position and engagements of chartered vessels, report:—The departures to foreign ports took away an aggregate of 50,032 tons coal, and in intercolonial directions heavy orders have been executed. A reduction in the export to California is noticeable, only some 12,142 tons having gone forward. West Coast (S.A.) takings aggregate 26,080 tons. Freights—Last reported quotations remain unaltered. Tonnage seems equal to the demand, and we do not anticipate much improvement in freights for some time. Charterers have little difficulty in securing bottoms. Quotations: Hongkong, 10s; Amoy, 15s; Manila, 17s; Ilo Ilo, 18s; Cheefoo, 18s; Padang, 18s; Macassar, 18s; Penang, 14s; Amboyna, 18s; Java, 12s; Singapore, 13s; Saigon, 17s; Honolulu, 16s; Colombo, 16s; Mauritius, 18s; Haiphong, 18s; San Francisco, 18s; San Diego, 17s; San Pedro, 17s; Valparaiso, for orders, nominal. Wool—Arrivals to date aggregate 44,934 bales, valued approximately at £800,000. The barque Northbrook sailed on 21st instant, with 8607 bales wool and sundries, for March sales. The Strathclyde is now loading for same series, and will take about 6000 bales. The Port Douglas will follow for same sales.

TELEGRAPHIC SHIPPING NEWS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS.)

BRISBANE.—December 26: Departures: Wodonga (s.), for Cooktown; Lady Musgrave (s.), for Bundaberg; Rodondo (s.), for Port Pirie; Burwah (s.), for Rockhampton. December 27: Arrivals, Eurambla (s.), from Rockhampton; Yaralla (s.), from Bundaberg.

NEWCASTLE.—Arrivals: December 26, Mylomene, ship, Dunkenfield (s.), Kate Devonport, ship, from Melbourne; Aruanda, barque, from Adelaide; Loch Doon, barque, from Middlesbro'; Othello, barque, from Bluff; Namoi (s.), from Sydney. December 27, Barrier (s.), Federal (s.), from Melbourne; Echo, schooner, from Bellinger River; Newcastle (s.), Augusta (s.), Corinna (s.), Advance, Bessie Maud, schooner, from Sydney. Departures: December 26, Namoi (s.), for Sydney. December 27, Alice Muir, barque, for Fremantle; Newcastle (s.), for Sydney.

GABO ISLAND.—Passed: December 26, Ouraka (s.), west, at 3.25.

MELBOURNE.—Arrivals: December 28, Royal George, ship, from New York; Erlangen (s.), from Sydney; Emu (s.), Nemesis (s.), from Adelaide; December 27, Culgoa (s.), Barcoo (s.), Burrumbeet (s.), Wendouree (s.), from Sydney; Rotomahana (s.), Coogee (s.), from Launceston; Era (s.), Nookoowa (s.), Beeswing (s.), from Newcastle. Departures: December 26, John Sanderson (s.), for Dunkirk; R.M.S. Orotava, for London; Eton (s.), for Sydney; Bellinger (s.), for Strahan; Pateena (s.), for Launceston; Titus (s.), for Newcastle.

ADELAIDE.—Arrivals: December 27, Barrabool (s.), from Melbourne; Ballarra (s.), from Newcastle; Fiado (s.), from Newcastle; South Australian (s.), from Albany. Departures: December 25, H. W. Jarlsberg (s.), for London; December 25, Adelaide (s.) and Tenterden, for Melbourne; D'Arcy Pratt, schooner, for Auckland; Muke Maru (s.), for Melbourne.

(FROM THE BOARD AT THE TELEGRAPH OFFICE.)

TWEED HEADS.—December 26: Tweed (s.) and Sea Flower, schooner, bar-bound.

RICHMOND HEADS.—Arrival: December 25, Coraki (s.), at 1.30 p.m., from Sydney. Passed: December 26, a white-painted schooner, at 2.10 p.m., a fore-and-aft schooner, at 5 p.m., both north. December 27: Oakland (s.) still aground in the same place.

CLARENCE HEADS.—Departure: December 26, City of Grafton (s.), at 1.45 p.m., for Sydney.

PORT MACQUARIE.—Arrivals: December 26, Candidate, ketch, at 5.30 a.m., from Sydney. December 27, Wellington (s.), at 3.30 p.m., from Sydney. Passed: December 27, Tomki (s.), at 8.35 a.m., Kallatina (s.), at 4.10 p.m., both north.

MANNING RIVER.—Arrival: December 26, Alice Templeton, ketch, at 4 p.m., from Sydney. December 27, Electra (s.) and Rosedale (s.), at 5.30 p.m., from Sydney.

CAPE HAWKE.—Arrivals: December 26, Active and Favourite, ketches, from Sydney. Departure: December 26, Rock Lily, ketch, at 4 a.m., for Sydney.

SEAL ROCKS.—Passed: December 27, Burawong (s.) at noon, north; Merksworth (s.) at 2.30 p.m., south.

PORT STEPHENS.—Arrivals: December 26, Namoi (s.), at 1 p.m., from Newcastle; Echo, ketch, at 2.30 p.m. December 27, Bellinger and Mary Laurie, ketches, at 11 a.m.; Emu (s.) and Mayflower ketch, at 2 p.m. Departure: December 26, Namoi (s.), at 4 p.m., for Newcastle.

BARRANJOEY.—Departure: December 25, Mayflower and Mary Laurie left Broken Bay during the night.

WOLLONGONG.—Arrival: December 25, S. A. Haward, from Beagle Bay. Departure: December 25, Norman, schooner, for Sydney.

CROOKHAVEN HEADS.—December 25, Coomonderry (s.) at 6 a.m., Brinawarr (s.) at 7 a.m., Kameruka (s.) at 9 a.m., all from Sydney.

JERVIS BAY.—Passed: December 27, Elingamite (s.) at 5.20 p.m., Trident (s.) and Pearl, ketch, at 5.40 p.m., all north.

ULLADULLA.—Arrival: December 26, Allowrie (s.), at 10.45 p.m., from Eden. Departure: December 26, Allowrie (s.), at 11.15 p.m., for Sydney.

BATEMAN'S BAY.—Arrivals: December 25, Kiama (s.), from Sydney; Greyhound (s.), from Kiama.

MORUYA HEADS.—Arrivals: December 27, Kiama (s.), at 4.30 a.m., from Sydney. Departures: December 27, Muruna, ketch, at 6 a.m., for Sydney. Passed: December 26, Jane Moorhead, ketch, at 1 p.m., north.

EDEN.—Arrivals: December 25, Star of Mallagoota, ketch, at 3 p.m., from Melbourne. December 26, Oonah (s.), at 6.20 a.m., from Hobart. December 27, Bega (s.), at 1.15 a.m., from Sydney. Departures: December 26, Oonah (s.), at 7.15 a.m., Allowrie (s.) at 8 a.m., both for Sydney; Star of Mallagoota, ketch, for Melbourne.

GABO ISLAND.—Passed: December 27, Australien, French mail steamer, at 6.45 a.m., Innamincka (s.), at 8.45 a.m., Star of Mallagoota, ketch, at noon, all west.

ALBANY (W. A.)—Arrivals: December 26, Ballaarat R.M.S., at 8.30 p.m., from Adelaide. Departures: December 27, Ballaarat, R.M.S., at 1 a.m., for Colombo.

THE MAILS.

THIS DAY.

MELBOURNE, 4.15 and 7 p.m.
ADELAIDE, 4 p.m.
HOBART AND LAUNCESTON, 4 p.m.
QUEENSLAND, 4.45 p.m.
WESTERN AUSTRALIA (Monday via Adelaide), 4 p.m.
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AUCKLAND, AND NORTHERN PORTS OF N. Z., NAVIGATORS ISLANDS, HONOLULU, SAN FRANCISCO, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, CANADA, UNITED KINGDOM, AND CONTINENT OF EUROPE, U.S.S. Alameda, 2 p.m.
INDIA AND CONTINENT OF EUROPE (overland to Adelaide, and thence per Orient Company's steamer Orotava), 2.30 p.m.
UNITED KINGDOM (overland to Adelaide, and thence per Orient Company's steamer Orotava), 3 p.m.
R.M.S. Orotava (letters only addressed to passengers, officers, and other persons on board), overland to Adelaide, 3 p.m.
DUNEDIN AND INVERCARGILL, 3.30 p.m.

TUESDAY.

BYRON BAY, 5 p.m.
CLARENCE RIVER, 9 p.m.

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ABSTRACT OF SALES BY AUCTION THIS DAY.

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W. CRANE, JUN.—At Ward-street, North Sydney, at 11.30, Furniture, &c.

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The Sydney Morning Herald.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1891.

SEVENTEEN Liberal and 13 Conservative members of the Canadian House of Commons have been unseated upon charges of corruption.

A SERIOUS rising has taken place amongst the miners employed at the Raub mine, at Pahang, in the Malay Peninsula. Thirteen policemen are in the hands of the rioters, and two of them have been shot.

A COLLISION has occurred at Hastings, U.S.A., between the Buffalo and St. Louis express trains. The disaster was caused by a brakesman who was sent to stop the St. Louis train delaying on the road in order to get a drink.

TEN persons were killed and 15 were injured. Many of the passengers were badly scalded through the bursting of the boiler of the St. Louis express.

IT is likely that the Czar of Russia will banish his brother the Grand Duke Sergius owing to his alleged tyranny at Moscow. It is believed that the real reason is that the Grand Duke is suspected of entertaining ambitious designs.

SIR ROBERT MORIER, British Ambassador at St. Petersburg, has been appointed to Rome in succession to the Marquis of Dufferin, who succeeds the late Lord Lytton as British Ambassador at Paris.

SATURDAY being Boxing Day was observed as a close holiday.

YESTERDAY afternoon Cardinal Moran laid the foundation-stone of the new Roman Catholic School-Church of St. Joseph at Rockdale.

IN addressing the assemblage Cardinal Moran denied that the Catholic body had entered into an alliance with a certain political party. So far from being allied to any particular party, the Catholic citizens were free to take whatever political course they thought best, and he hoped they would never associate themselves with any party which had not at heart the peace and prosperity of the whole community.

BY a majority of four to one the Northumberland miners, England, have decided against boys working in the mines eight hours instead of 10.

THE French Chamber of Deputies has agreed to the Senate's amendment according bounties for the production of hemp and silk.

IN consequence of the protective policy in France having raised the price of bread and meat, the Minister for War has asked for an additional 12,000,000 francs for victualling the army.

MR. SPRINGER, Chairman of the Committee of Ways and Means in the American House of Representatives, proposes to introduce a bill making imported wool free, and not changing the tariff on woollens.

THE Right Rev. J. Wareing Bardsley, D.D., Bishop of Sodor and Man, has been translated to the See of Carlisle, which had become vacant by the death of Dr. Harvey Goodwin.

ON Saturday a prisoner named John Regan escaped from the police station at Parkes, where he was incarcerated under committal for trial on charges of horsestealing. The police are scouring the country after him.

THE R.M.S. Oruba arrived at Albany from Colombo at 6 a.m. on Saturday.

RUSSIA is building a military railway from Odessa to Kilia, a fortified town in Bessarabia.

THREE people have been killed and 30 injured by a railway collision at Lowestoft, the well-known watering-place in the East of England.

THE Watson's Bay Regatta was held on Saturday, and passed off successfully, upwards of 2000 people being present.

COUNT VON CAPRIVI, the German Chancellor, is making inquiries as to whether the time is opportune for the abolition of the duty on English cotton yarns.

THE Russian Minister for the Interior has insisted that in all reports sent to the Czar concerning the famine the serious features shall be suppressed.

ON Saturday afternoon two young men named M'Lean and Rogers were drowned owing to the capsize of a sailing boat in which they were returning from the Shoalhaven Heads to Nowra.

THE marriage of the Duke of Clarence with Princess Victoria of Teck will be celebrated in St. George's Chapel, Windsor, on the 27th February.

IT has been discovered by the Treasurer of the new Conservative Administration in Quebec that there is a deficit of 2,250,000 dollars in the finances of the province.

THE report that Mr. Gladstone's nomination as a member of the club at Biarritz, in the south of France, had been refused is contradicted.

MR. J. E. REDMOND has been elected to the House of Commons for Waterford by a majority of nearly 500 votes over Michael Davitt.

GREECE is arranging for a new gold issue of from 3,000,000 to 5,000,000 francs.

ON Christmas eve the London Gaiety Theatre Company reappeared in London in "Cinder Ellen" for the first time after the return from Australia. The leading members of the company had an enthusiastic reception.

THERE is considered to be little prospect of a radical change in the direction of free silver coinage in the United States, as the Democrats, who have hitherto advocated the system, are now less urgent for its adoption.

SIR GRAHAM and Lady Berry have left London for Melbourne by the R.M.S. Victoria.

THE annual intercolonial cricket match between Victoria and New South Wales was commenced on the Melbourne Cricket Ground on Saturday. The New South Wales team went to the wickets first, and when play was discontinued for the day had made 191 runs for eight wickets.

THE German Chambers of Commerce are in favour of an international exhibition being held in Berlin at an early date.

FURTHER riots have taken place at Pernambuco, in Brazil, and the governor of the province has been expelled. Several of the rioters have been killed.

IT is stated that Great Britain has failed to arrange for the carriage of the Indian mails via Salonica instead of via Brindisi.

DURING midnight mass on Christmas Eve at a church in Valencia, Spain, four bombs were exploded within the building, wrecking the altar and injuring several persons. Two men have been arrested in connection with the outrage.

AFTER the 3rd proximo there will be an additional postal delivery in the central portion of the borough of North Sydney.

WITH the object of relieving the congested state of the Colonial Secretary's Department, Mr. Dibbs has decided to appoint an Under-Secretary for Defence.

A THREE days' match between Lord Sheffield's team and 20 of the Ballarat Cricket Club was commenced on Saturday. The Englishmen went in first and held the wickets all day, the scores being 255 runs for seven wickets.

AT the Brisbane Police Court on Saturday Arthur Fay, aged 15 years, was charged with having murdered William Dobson in George-street on Christmas Eve. The case was remanded.

GENERAL MONTT has been proclaimed President of the Republic of Chili. An amnesty has been granted to the minor officials under the Balmaceda régime.

THE Czar of Russia has imprisoned Baron Stakelberg, and ordered him to be deprived of his rank, owing to his cruelty while Governor of Esthonia.

RIO DE JANEIRO is being visited by an epidemic of yellow fever, from which 90 per cent. of the patients die.

A "SEASONABLE GIFT," appreciated by the junior and senior members of any family, is a New German Freezer, which freezes ice cream without any labour or turning; price, 30s. Knight, St. James's-chambers, top of King-street, Sydney.—[ADVT.]

The debate the other night upon the Circular Quay Land Sale Bill, and the opposition shown to the measure, appear to have caused both surprise and annoyance to the Minister for Works, who introduced it. The real ground for surprise, however, lies in the fact that such a bill was introduced at such a time. The proposal embodied in the bill was in a special degree open to debate; and it is not dealing fairly with the House, or with the public interest, to introduce measures of such a character at midnight or thereabouts, when members are weary, and new business is unlikely to receive due attention. The land in question was, according to the Minister's statement, resumed for tramway purposes some years ago at a cost of £97,000. At that time there seemed to be a probability that the tramway system would be extended to Circular Quay; but the project was afterwards abandoned, and now it is proposed to re-sell the land, and to apply the proceeds to the construction of public works, as loan money. An application was made the other day for an extension of the tramway at Newcastle, and Mr. LYNE intimated to the deputation who made the request that the selling of this land at Circular Quay would have provided the Government with funds for carrying out such a project.

The policy of the Government in this matter is distinguished by improvidence, and is therefore consistent with its action in other matters, and with the tendency already displayed to sacrifice future interests to the temporary exigences of the hour. Although the particular scheme which led to the resumption of this land was abandoned, it would be absurd to suppose that the question of extending railways, or tramways, or both into the neighbourhood of Circular Quay has been finally disposed of. Sooner or later this business will have to be dealt with in a practical way, and then probably this land, if it had been sold and built upon, would have to be resumed again at greatly increased cost to the country. By selling the land, it is said, the Government would save the interest upon the money that was paid for its resumption; but if the interest were saved, it would be followed by a sacrifice of principal. It is admitted that if the land were sold now it would realise more than was paid for it. But if that would be the result of selling in these times of depression, it may be said with some assurance that after the lapse of a few years, and a definite decision for the construction of railway or tramway works in the vicinity, the Government not requiring it could sell it at a far higher price, or, requiring it, would have to pay a far higher price for it if it were at the time in private hands.

We in no way admit the soundness of the general doctrine of nationalising the lands of the colony, and stopping all sales for the future, by protesting against the improvident sale in times like these of metropolitan sites which must inevitably in the ordinary course of events acquire an immense increase of value after the lapse of a few years. Mr. M'MILLAN was right in describing such a course of procedure as "a pettifogging policy of raising the wind." It is the policy of a spendthrift. In the early days of responsible government similar tendencies were shown, and the wonder is that some of the most precious possessions of the city were not then parted with for the purpose of purchasing political support by a lavish distribution of local expenditure. If the Centennial Park sites, the Martin-place site, and the land near the Circular Quay were all rushed into the market within the next few months, the receipts at the Treasury would be swollen, deputations preferring requests might be met with complacency, and there would be much exultation over the prosperity brought about by the accession to office of a protectionist Government. But the end of it all would be a deficit, and a real one. The country would never recover the money irretrievably wasted by these improvident sales, and there would be no consolation in tracing back the responsibility for the waste, seeing that in cases like this there is only a nominal responsibility. In the early days of the colony—so tradition has it—there were "veteran grants" that were exchanged for kegs of rum. The grantees were needy men, and had not the faculty or the habit of looking forward. It is not desirable that the Government of the colony should be conducted in a similar manner.

In the debate the other night the suggestion was made that the Circular Quay land should be leased. Here again we would guard ourselves against the supposition that we were accepting the theory of nationalising the land, in saying that it would be better to lease this site than to sell it. But possibly it would be better still neither to sell it nor to lease it. In administering so large an estate it is a mistake to lay down invariable rules. Circumstances vary, and if the action of the Government is to be appropriate, it should vary with them. Under ordinary conditions the leasing of the Circular Quay land should at least provide means for paying the interest for the money borrowed for its purchase, and place in the hands of the Government a property greatly increased in value when the lease expired. But the circumstances are extraordinary. We cannot shut out of view the prospect that the land may be required by the Government for some purpose in connection with the railway system, or the tramway system, or the wharfage, within the next few years, and therefore it could only be leased for a short term, or otherwise on conditions giving the Government a right of cancellation at its own discretion. In either case the result would be to prevent the full utilisation of the site by private enterprise, and to diminish the amount of rent. If there were reason to believe that the land would be required by the Government within the next two or three years, the expediency of leasing it would be doubtful. But it is not so in the case of the Centennial Park lands, or in that of the land near the Post Office. In these instances there is no reason for supposing that the land will be required for Government purposes for many years to come, and the Government is in a position to lease the sites for a long term of years, and on conditions that would make it worth the while of the lessees to expend heavily and to pay substantial rents, and would also secure to the Government at the expiration of the leases a large increase of value. We have said already that there is a certain consistency on the part of the Government in adopting this improvident project. There is a consistency in the very contradiction that is involved in it. Whilst it is proposed to raise nearly a million of new taxation to cover a comparatively slight increase in the minor unproductive expenditure, the Government is asking authority to sell this exceptionally valuable land at a time of depression, though it is supposed to be confidently anticipating a rush of prosperity and an increase in all values as the result of protective taxation.

Among the many educational institutions holding periodical celebration this Christmastide, there is not any one in New South Wales invested with a higher national interest than the Hawkesbury Agricultural College. All kinds of useful learning are deserving of honour, and all contribute their share to the advancement of the country. But there is something so very practical, and so pregnant with results, in the scientific and practical teaching of agriculture in a country circumstanced like ours, that most thinking men who are concerned for the future of the country will look to the Hawkesbury College with an interest second to that given to no other institution, hardly excepting even the University. It is not that agriculture is more valuable in itself than other callings to which men may devote themselves; but it is the one most near akin to the genius of colonisation; and in a country like Australia, where, with millions of fertile acres awaiting but skill and industry to turn them into mines of wealth, there is such a tendency to the aggregation of men within city walls, that everything that will tempt our young men away to the more healthy and manly pursuits of rural life is deserving of the highest encouragement. As an agency to that end nothing can be better calculated to foster a taste, as well as fitness for rural life, than such a college as that which has just held its first annual celebration at Richmond. It invests with dignity a calling which, in consequence of its surroundings, and the conditions under which it is ordinarily carried on, is too frequently looked on as sordid and unfitted for men of culture and refinement. As a matter of fact the science of agriculture has in it almost a limitless field for the exercise of man's best intellect in investigating Nature's processes in chemistry and physiology, and in applying them to useful ends; and the practice of agriculture, while conducive to the highest development of man's physical nature, is carried on under conditions that are favourable to the development of independence of spirit beyond perhaps any other occupation that can be selected in the colonies. Not only does such an institution tend to give such dignity to the profession as it unquestionably deserves, but the association of young men in college life, bound together by the tie of a common pursuit, and having the social advantages universally credited to university life, is sure to produce an *esprit de corps* among the alumni that will make the farmer's life sooner or later hold its own against any, even of the learned professions. This may seem but a sentimental aspect of the Hawkesbury College. But it is far from being an unimportant one, when we observe that the tendencies are strong to flee from rural callings as mean in themselves, and unworthy of the aspirations of young men of enterprise who are desirous of achieving social standing.

Apart from this important function in raising the status of a farmer's life, the work performed by this institution is one of eminently practical usefulness. The young men attending this college are brought back to the study of agriculture at its "fount and origin." The chemical constituents of soils, and of the manures requisite for supplementing their deficiencies; the theory of plant life and its developments; the physiology and pathology of the animal life with which the farmer is concerned; geology, zoology, botany, entomology, every department of scientific research bearing immediately on the interests of agriculture under its widest interpretation, are subjects of study in the curriculum of the Hawkesbury College. But it is not merely book-learning that is deemed sufficient to prepare the young farmer for his career. Not only is there the practical application of these scientific studies by demonstration and oral instruction, but the students are familiarised with the duties of the farm by systematic hard work. Grubbing, clearing, fencing, draining, digging, ploughing, sowing, reaping, and all the severer kinds of toil, as well as the management of the dairy and the orchard, stock-raising, horsemanship, and everything else that is requisite for fitting the student to take an active part in the management of the farm, are parts of the regular course of training at the college.

It would be impossible to over-estimate the value of such an institution as this to the colony. The Principal of the college, in his speech at the recent commemoration, observed as a singular fact that of the fifty students attending during this the first year of the college, only eight are the sons of farmers. This at first sight might seem to discredit the public appreciation of this new departure. But it has probably a totally different significance, and reflects rather the discouraging influence which our past unscientific and uninteresting methods of agriculture have had on the minds of young people brought up amid such crude surroundings. Such a thing is hardly to be wondered at, and the feature of which the Principal spoke will probably yet be referred to in illustration of the achievements of the college. For if the institution answers the expectations which may be reasonably formed of it, the distaste existing among farmers and their sons for the profession of agriculture will be changed into a feeling of pride in a calling that will have proved itself capable of affording full gratification to intellectual and refined tastes. That so large a number of town-bred youths have already filled the classrooms of the Hawkesbury College is an augury of good. It shows a healthful feeling supervening on that morbid taste for what were once considered the "genteel" professions, by which so many have been bound to lives of struggle and penury. For young men starting on such a career as that presented to them in this Agricultural College there is literally no limitation to their prospects of active occupation and success. Many of the students when they have passed through its classes will no doubt take to farming on their own account; others will probably accept of situations in which their acquirements at Richmond will be turned to valuable purpose; and we venture to say that before many years have passed the diploma of the Hawkesbury College will be the passport to many a position of honourable and lucrative employment. A new day is dawning on Australia and Australian agriculture in the spread of irrigation, not only from rivers and waters captured overground in dams, but from the subterranean channels and reservoirs tapped by artesian wells, which promise to be a distinguishing feature in Australian progress. With such a soil and such resources, the future of agriculture in Australia is a grand one, and we venture to think that among the factors of the coming progress and prosperity, one of the most interesting and valuable will be our first Agricultural College on the Hawkesbury.

The cable message to the effect that Mr. SPRINGER, the chairman of the Committee of Ways and Means of the United States House of Representatives, proposes to introduce a bill to remove the duty on imported wool is one of great significance to Australia. This is precisely what our woolgrowers have been desiring for years past; and a good deal of discussion has taken place on the subject. The matter has on several occasions been brought under the notice of the American authorities. One object hoped to be achieved by the exhibition of Australian wool at the Chicago Exhibition is so to attract the interest of America as to open the eyes of its people to the suicidal policy of imposing a duty on a material which necessarily must raise the cost price as well as that of the finished article to themselves. However, the policy of the remission of the import duty on raw wool appears to have recommended itself to influential politicians without the aid of the exhibition, though it may be that the object will be promoted by Australian representation of its leading industry. Of course it is not to be assumed that because the bill is to be proposed it will therefore be passed. The woolgrowers of the United States, we may be sure, will oppose it tooth and nail, and the advocates of the measure have no doubt before them a stiff struggle. Vested interests in existing duties will make it all the more keen. In spite of the duty, wools of a character not grown in America are imported, and if it be remitted they will be imported still more largely. The woollen manufacturers will fight strongly for the measure, all the more so from the fact that their goods are still to be protected by the retention of the duties on imported woollens. What is proposed is, of course, not absolute freetrade. It is only freetrade in the raw material; and if the growers of America cannot compete with those of Australia or the Cape of Good Hope, they must go to the wall. Protectionists never care who suffer. Their programme is nationally a selfish one. Some of them are beginning to think that the graziers as producers of raw material ought not to want protection. In their opinion the manufacturers only require it. Whatever the mother-country may think, her Australian colonies will rejoice if the proposal should be carried. It might seem at first sight not to matter much whether America buys the raw wool from us or the manufactured article from England, since we supply the wool in any case. That is true in part, but not altogether, for a greater quantity of our wool will go direct to America if the duties be removed; for experience has shown that densely-populated countries find it to their advantage to grow grain or food for man rather than to follow pastoral enterprise, at any rate for the mere production of wool. Countries like Australia are more favoured, by the natural conditions of sparseness of population, suitability of climate, and geographical position, for the production of wool. The recognition of a great truth is, no doubt, behind the movement for the repeal of the wool duties in America; and, on the whole, if it become an accomplished fact, it will be better for Australia and for America.

An interesting sidelight is thrown on the question of a protective tariff in the cable message of French news appearing in another column. We are told that in consequence of protection raising the price of bread and meat in France, the Minister of War asks for an additional twelve million francs to victual the Army. But are we not given to understand in Sydney that protection does nothing of the sort, and only throws the burthen on the foreign producer? The recently increased protective tariff in France must surely be working differently from what we are told by the friends of protection will be the result of the tariff in New South Wales. In France it appears to have increased the cost of the army's food by so many millions of francs, and, we may reasonably infer, the food of the whole people by a vastly larger number of francs. The poor peasants and working classes must meet this added cost of living as best they can; but the State, being chargeable for victualling its servants, is obliged to do what Mr. F. B. SUTTOR inadvertently admitted must be done in the purchase of pictures for the National Gallery. M. FREYCINET requires some £480,000 to meet the protective Customs charge on the soldiers' food. Our Mr. SUTTOR sees the necessity of provision being made for £750 to meet the Customs charges on the £5000 worth of Art Gallery pictures. In neither case apparently did these gentlemen think of throwing the cost on the foreign producer, which would have been strictly in accord with the new gospel of protection that is being preached in our ears to-day. If, as we are told, the consumer does not pay the protective duty, surely it is unwarranted for the French Minister of War to trouble the Chamber of Deputies with his little bill. He should tell them that the Americans who ship the wheat, and the Australians mayhap who send the tinned meats, will pay for this apparent rise in price, just as anybody going into a shop in Pitt or George street should tell the shopman that he does not know his business in raising the price to the buyer; that, instead of adding two or three or four shillings in the pound to the price, as he is doing because of the new protective tariff, he ought to apply to the merchant or the producer beyond the seas for the refund of duty paid. Somehow the pleasant theory of our apostles of protection does not work out satisfactorily in George or Pitt street; and apparently M. FREYCINET, who has had a much larger experience of protection than we have had, seems to find it quite the same in Paris. He sees the necessity of plunging his hand a little further into the Treasury wallet to meet the added Customs duty; just as anybody going a-shopping in Sydney feels the regretful necessity of dipping a little deeper into his or her own purse. It may not exactly square with protection theory, but it is a very stubborn fact.

IT is understood to be the intention of Mr. DIBBS, as soon as time and circumstances will permit, to make an important alteration in the administrative work of the Colonial Secretary's Department. At present this department is charged with the administration of no fewer than 101 Acts of Parliament, and it controls the Defence Forces of the colony. The Premier, agreeing with his predecessor, Sir Henry Parkes, is opposed to the creation of a separate portfolio to be held by a Minister for Defence, as he considers irrefutable reasons exist why the Premier of the day should be the executive head of both military and police. To relieve the congested state of the Colonial Secretary's Department, however, Mr. Dibbs has decided to appoint an Under-Secretary for Defence, whose duty will be to take sole charge of detail administrative work.

THE Postmaster-General has approved of an additional postal delivery in the central portion of the Borough of North Sydney. The new service will come into force on the 3rd proximo. The deliveries will be effected at 9 a.m., noon, and 4.15 p.m. After the date mentioned there will be an all-night telephone service between North Shore and Sydney.

THERE are two mail steamers timed to leave here to-day, namely, the Oceanic Company's R.M.S. Alameda, for San Francisco, and R.M.S. Parramatta, in the P. and O. Company's line, for London. The latter will leave the company's wharf at noon, and the Alameda leaves Cowper Wharf at 4 o'clock in the afternoon. Both vessels have done fairly well for passengers and cargo at this port. The

passenger lists were published in last Friday's issue of the *Herald*. As will be seen from our Albany correspondent's telegram the Orient Company's R.M.S. Oruba arrived from London on Saturday last with English mail dates to the 27th ultimo. The Oruba continued her voyage to Adelaide later in the day, and may be therefore expected to land the mails there to-morrow, so that the Sydney portion should reach here on Thursday afternoon next for delivery. Next Wednesday the new Orient liner will return to a berth at the company's wharf from her present moorings in Neutral Bay. Last Saturday the Messageries Maritimes' fast liner Australien took her departure for Marseilles with her passenger space fairly well taken up.

Upon the voyage of the barque Strathdon to this port from London Captain A. T. Wills, in command, noticed an unusual discoloration of the ocean for several degrees crossing the Southern Ocean. In his report he mentions that, in lat. 44·30 S. and from 47·27 E. to 53· E., the ship sailed through a patch of dark green water; and a sample was taken of it, and placed under seal, the phenomenon in the position mentioned being remarkable. Another unusual feature was the large number of porpoises playing about the whole distance across the meridians given. A grand sight was witnessed one night from the deck of the Strathdon when making her easting. A large iceberg hove in sight. Captain Wills says it is impossible to give the close dimensions of this stately and silent wanderer of the sea; but he would estimate its height at its lowest elevation to be 120ft. and at the highest point 180ft., and from 700ft. to 900ft. in length.

The death is announced of Alderman S. G. Davison, who has represented the East Ward in the Leichhardt Municipal Council for a period of eight years. Alderman Davison enjoyed much local popularity. At the age of 21 years he was made a J.P. He twice unsuccessfully attempted to enter Parliament, once as the representative of the Clarence, and once as the representative of Balmain. He held the position of secretary to the trustees of the Leichhardt Park, and was the founder of the Emulation Lodge of Masons. He was a director of the Australian Banking Company. He was 44 years of age, and he leaves a widow and three children. The cause of death was acute pneumonia. Dr. M'Donagh has been constant in his attendance upon the deceased, but the complaint to which he succumbed was aggravated by mental worry, which rendered the case hopeless from its early stages.

The Rev. G. C. Grubb commenced a mission in St. Andrew's Cathedral yesterday. There was a large congregation at the morning service and again at the evening service. The addresses of the rev. gentleman created a deep impression upon his hearers.

In connection with the Sussex-street Mission Church, it has been the custom at Christmas time for years past to provide necessaries for deserving poor cases, so that families in this condition may spend the day free from anxiety and within their own circle. This year the practice has been continued, and for weeks past the organising secretary and Miss Bourne (the Biblewoman), with a committee of workers, have been actively engaged in obtaining contributions and examining the circumstances of applicants submitted for their consideration. In the Mission Church on Christmas Eve Mr. George Lewis, the pastor of the church, explained to the assembled poor that owing to the kindness and generosity of more highly-favoured brethren they were enabled to meet that evening, not for the purpose of drawing a distinction between the rich and the poor, but in a simple way of proving that in humanity God had implanted a link of loving sympathy, which was high above either wealth or poverty, which enabled the poor to help their poorer brethren, and the rich to assist those needing such help. He, therefore, in the name of the donors and the workers, who had contributed by their thought, skill, and means, wished them all the blessings of Christmastide. Below the church is the schoolroom, which on this occasion was divided into what may be termed provision stalls. On one of these were 300 joints of meat. Next came vegetable stalls. Following these were piles of grocery packets, finishing with cases of fruit. Each applicant received a joint, two or three kinds of vegetables, tea, sugar, ingredients for pudding, and fruit. On Christmas night a service was held in the church, the subject being the "Life of Christ," illustrated by a series of magic-lantern views. Interwoven with the views were appropriate musical selections rendered by the choir, and with each view Mr. George Lewis, the pastor, gave an appropriate address. The lantern was worked by Mr. T. Corbett, and Mr. W. M. Elliott devoted much labour and time to make the service a success.

The Metropolitan Fire Brigade turned out to two fires on Boxing Day and one yesterday. Shortly before 4 a.m. on Saturday an outbreak was discovered in the stables of Mr. J. Williamson, solicitor, at Denholm, Yarranabee-road, Woollahra. The building was of two floors, and the top was burned out, the roof burned off, and the ceiling beneath was damaged by the fire. The Metropolitan Fire Brigade was present with a steamer, the Paddington Brewery, Woollahra, and Waverley volunteers each had a manual, and the Paddington a reel. The building was of stone and slate roof, and was owned by Mr. Williamson. The contents were uninsured, but the premises were insured for £250 in the City Mutual. At a quarter to 11 on Saturday night a call came from the General Post Office. A blaze could be seen at Woollahra, and it was found to be at Edgecliffe Cottage, Point Piper-road. The building was of 10 rooms, and it was totally destroyed, together with the contents. The outbreak is believed to have been caused by a lighted candle coming in contact with curtains. It was extinguished by the M. F. B., assisted by the Woollahra, Paddington Brewery, Paddington, and Waverley volunteers, each with a hydrant. Neither the premises nor the contents were insured. Early yesterday morning a store in Wharf-street, city, was found to be on fire. J. G. Carter, sailmaker, tenanted the top floor, where the fire originated. This, and the contents, consisting of sails, canvas, tarpaulins, &c., were severely damaged by fire, and most part of the roof was burned off. The contents were insured for £350 in the Victoria Insurance Company. The contents, consisting of general produce, on the two floors beneath, tenanted by Henry Clarke, commission agent, and used as a store, were damaged by water. The contents were insured for £1000 in the City of London Insurance Company. The building was of brick and iron roof, and was the property of the Hon J. See. The fire was extinguished by the M. F. B. with two hyrants.

Constable Black, of the Lower George-street Police Station, was assaulted on Saturday afternoon by a number of roughs. The constable's assailants kicked and beat him to such an extent that his face and body were covered with bruises. Constable Taylor went to the rescue and the crowd dispersed. He gave chase to one man, who, it is said, suddenly turned on him, and a tussle took place. Constable Whalan then arrived, and it is further alleged that the captive assaulted him. When the prisoner was lodged in the police station he gave his name. There are no police records against the prisoner. He will appear before the Water Police Court this morning on a charge of assaulting three constables.

A groom named Edward Marshall, who was admitted into the Sydney Hospital on Thursday last, suffering from a fracture of the skull which he received by being kicked by a horse at Dr. Martin's stables, succumbed to his injuries yesterday afternoon. Deceased was admitted in an unconscious state, and he did not regain consciousness. He was 30 years of age and married, and lately resided at Woolloomooloo.

A magisterial inquiry was held at the Croydon Hotel on Saturday by the Deputy City Coroner, Mr. W. T. Pinhey, J.P., upon the body of a second-class steward from the P. and O. R.M.S. Britannia named Walter Lindsay. Deceased had been waiting, together with others, on the Circular Quay for a tender to take him aboard ship on Christmas Eve, when he stepped back and fell into the water. It seems that he never rose after sinking for the first time. A finding of accidental death was recorded.

A lad named Reuben Johnson lies in the Sydney Hospital in a critical state. He was admitted in an unconscious state on Boxing Day, and late last night had not recovered consciousness. It seems that he fell down a number of steps in the Domain and injured his spine.

Mr. M'Murtrie, of George-street, writes, in reply to the letter signed by "Ex-President of the Early Closing Society," stating that he took a leading part in attempting to bring about early closing long before "Ex-President" had made any public movement in the matter. Mr. M'Murtrie thinks that if "Ex-President" exercised any influence in the drafting of the Early Closing Bill now before Parliament the bill does not redound to his credit; nor does it, Mr. M'Murtrie goes on to say, reflect credit upon "Ex-President" that he failed to attempt to answer the objections which he (Mr. M'Murtrie) advanced against the bill at the public meeting recently held. Mr. M'Murtrie thinks "Ex-President's" statement that he did not consider it necessary to answer his (Mr. M'Murtrie) statements is an evidence of his inability to do so. Mr. M'Murtrie forwards a tabulated statement showing that the employees engaged in the same establishment as "Ex-President" have to work three and a half hours per week longer than the employees engaged by Mr. M'Murtrie. "Citizen," writing on the same subject, says:—"That the passing of this most ill-considered measure will have the result of ruining nearly all suburban business has been most abundantly proved, and, in fact, no attempt has been made to controvert it, except by a few ill-advised and short-sighted employees, who cannot see the injury they would do themselves. This may be clearly shown by the following, which is an example within my own knowledge: A youth entered a city house, and remained for 10 years, at the end of which time he found himself with no prospect of bettering his position in the firm, and with his health injured from close confinement and excessive work, although the hours were not so long as proposed by this bill. He was a well-conducted and prudent young man, and having saved some money he took a shop in the suburbs and invested all his hard-earned savings in it. After a struggle for a year he found himself successful, and felt justified in marrying. This home will be broken up, for the young man will be ruined, and have to apply again with hundreds of others for employment at the large city houses at such wages as the glut of labour will command."

The Prince Alfred Hospital report for the week ended the 26th December is as follows:—Admitted, 33; discharged, 38; died, 4; remaining in hospital on the 27th December, 1891, 196. Number of outpatients treated during the week, 229; number of casualty cases treated but not admitted, 126. Total, 355.

FUNERAL OF THE DUKE OF DEVONSHIRE.

[By Cable.]
(From our Correspondent.)

LONDON, Dec. 27.

The funeral obsequies of the late Duke of Devonshire took place at Edensor, in Derbyshire, on Saturday. Among those who attended the funeral, besides the present Duke and the members of his family, were Lords Spencer, Belper, and Faversham, and the Duke of Bedford. Earl Waldegrave represented her Majesty the Queen.

Wreaths from the Queen and the Prince of Wales were placed on the coffin.

THE FAMINE IN RUSSIA.

[By Cable.]
(From our Correspondent.)

LONDON, Dec. 25.

The Russian Minister of the Interior has insisted that the Governors of provinces, in sending in their official reports to the Czar, shall suppress the serious features of the famine.

ARRIVAL OF THE ENGLISH MAIL AT ALBANY.

[By Telegraph.]
(From our Correspondent.)

ALBANY, Saturday.

The R.M.S. Oruba, Captain Hay, commander, arrived from Colombo at 6 a.m. The following are the passengers:—

For Adelaide.—Mr. Crozier and wife, Messrs. Leman, Shaw, Adamson, Moffin, A. Moffin, Miss Emery.

For Melbourne.—Mr. Jacobs and wife, Mr. Medina, wife, and family, Messrs. Herford, Smith, and Beale, Mr. Pynsent and wife, Miss Pynsent, Lord Gordon.

For Sydney.—Mr. Smith and wife, Mr. Saunders and wife, Mr. Sowner and wife, Messrs. Welby, Smith, Martin, Laycock, Anderson and wife, A. Anderson, G. Anderson, Poole, Erbaloh, Allen and wife, Hornsby, Cohen, H. Cohen, Hitchman, Tuckar, Dense, Alliot, Butter and wife, Coulthard and wife, Mesdames Abbot, Keogh and daughter, Misses Barton, M. Barton, Mary Barton, M. Sommer, Brenda Lee, Smith (2), Laycock, Anderson, Tucker, Rev. Mr. Evans, Captain Lee and wife, Tucker and wife, Henniker.

For Hobart: Mr. Copeland, Rev. Mr. Bucknell and wife.

For Brisbane: Mr. Knighton and wife.

For New Zealand: Messrs. Clark, Riemschneider, Johnson, Wright, Reeves, Scott, wife and child and nurse, Misses Scott (2).

The Oruba also brings 327 for all ports in other classes.

LORD SHEFFIELD'S TEAM AT BALLARAT.

[By Telegraph.]
(From our Correspondent.)

MELBOURNE, Sunday.

A three-days' match between Lord Sheffield's team and 20 of the Ballarat Cricket Club was commenced on the Eastern Oval yesterday. There was an attendance of over 2000. The weather was charming, and the wickets and outfield were in perfect order. The Englishmen, going in first, held the wickets all day. The following are the scores:—

Lord Sheffield's Twelve.

W. G. Grace, lbw, b Ham	62
Stoddart, b Bailey	45
Peel, b Ham	30
Abel, b Ham	4
Radcliffe, c Greenhalgh, b Trumble	26
Read, b Graham	40
Bean, c Neap, b Trumble	19
Lohmann, not out	23
Extras	6
Total for seven wickets	255

ENGLAND v. AUSTRALIA.

[By Telegraph.]
(From our Correspondent.)

ADELAIDE, Sunday.

Great complaints have been made in Adelaide that nothing definite has been done towards selecting the team to represent Australia in the first match with the Englishmen, commencing in Melbourne on New Year's Day. G. Giffen, one of the selectors of the team, says he is quite ignorant as to what should be done. He suggested some days ago that those South Australians who would be wanted should be informed, so that they could make arrangements to leave for Melbourne; but he has had no reply. Geo. Giffen and Lyons are certainties, but neither knows whether he will be wanted. Walter Giffen has been selected, but it is impossible for him to get leave, so that he will be unable to take part in the match. So far as the South Australians are concerned matters have been mismanaged.

THE CALEDONIAN SPORTS IN MELBOURNE.

[By Telegraph.]
(From our Correspondent.)

MELBOURNE, Sunday.

The Caledonian Society of Melbourne altered the date of its annual gathering from the 26th January to Boxing Day this year at the Exhibition, where a programme of sports was carried out successfully on Saturday. A double programme was arranged, extending over the day and evening. About 8000 visitors were present in the day, and 5000 in the evening. Chief among the athletic feats was that in which Eugene Kneebone undertook to beat the world's record in throwing a 56lb. weight in two styles. He succeeded. The record established by D. C. Ross two years ago was 28ft. 5in. Kneebone, standing, threw 29ft. 4in., and, taking a turn, 30ft. 3½in.

DESPERATE ATTEMPT TO COMMIT SUICIDE.

[By Telegraph.]
(From our Correspondent.)

MELBOURNE, Sunday.

A sensational attempt to commit suicide and to cause the death of a child at the same time occurred in Gertrude-street this afternoon. A married woman named Georgina Denham, leading a boy about 8 years old, threw herself and her son in front of a tram. They were rescued by a policeman. The woman was locked up. The watch-house-keeper, hearing a peculiar sound, went to the cell, and found her lying on the floor with a white pockethandkerchief tied tightly round her throat. She was choking.

CABLEGRAMS.

(From our Correspondent.)

THE DUKE OF CLARENCE'S MARRIAGE.

LONDON, Dec. 25.

It is officially announced that the marriage of the Duke of Clarence with Princess Victoria of Teck will be celebrated in St. George's Chapel, Windsor, on the 27th February.

THE BISHOPRIC OF CARLISLE.

LONDON, Dec. 25.

The Right Rev. J. Wareing Bardsley, D.D., Bishop of Sodor and Man, has been translated to the See of Carlisle, vacant by the death of Dr. Harvey Goodwin.

The Venerable N. D. J. Straton, M.A., Archdeacon of Huddersfield, succeeds to the See of Sodor and Man.

THE LONDON GAIETY COMPANY.

LONDON, Dec. 25.

The London Gaiety Company made its reappearance last night, after its return from Australia, in "Cinder Ellen." The performance was a great success, and the leading members of the company had an enthusiastic reception.

THE FOG IN LONDON.

LONDON, Dec. 25.

The fog is still very severe in London. Twenty-five persons have been drowned in the docks.

Dec. 26.

The fogs and frost have ended, and the weather is now milder.

A RUSSIAN MILITARY RAILWAY.

LONDON, Dec. 25.

Russia is building a military railway from Odessa to Kilia, in Bessarabia.

[Kilia, or Kilianova, is a fortified town of Russia, in Bessarabia, on the river Kilia, or north arm of the Danube, at its delta, 12 miles from its mouth.]

MR. GLADSTONE AT BIARRITZ.

LONDON, Dec. 25.

The report that Mr. Gladstone's nomination as a member of the club at Biarritz, in the south of France, had been refused, is contradicted.

A NEW ISSUE OF GOLD IN GREECE.

LONDON, Dec. 25.

Greece is arranging for a new gold issue of from 3,000,000fr. to 5,000,000fr.

THE GERMAN DUTY ON ENGLISH COTTON YARNS.

LONDON, Dec. 25.

Count von Caprivi, the German Chancellor, is inquiring of the German Chambers of Commerce if the time is opportune to abolish the duty on English cotton yarns.

THE WOOL DUTIES IN AMERICA.

LONDON, Dec. 25.

Mr. Springen, chairman of the Committee of Ways and Means in the American House of Representatives, proposes to introduce a bill making imported wool free, and not changing the tariff on woollens.

FRENCH BOUNTIES ON HEMP AND SILK.

LONDON, Dec. 25.

The French Chamber of Deputies has agreed to the Senate's amendment granting bounties for the production of hemp and silk.

THE COINAGE QUESTION IN AMERICA.

LONDON, Dec. 26.

It is considered that there is little prospect of a radical change in the direction of free silver coinage in the United States. The Democrats, who have hitherto advocated the system, are now less urgent for its adoption.

AN INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION IN BERLIN.

LONDON, Dec. 26.

The German Chambers of Commerce are n favour of an international exhibition being held in Berlin at an early date.

THE WATER SUPPLY OF BIRMINGHAM.

LONDON, Dec. 26.

Mr. Mansergh, C.E., has been entrusted with a scheme for increasing the water supply of Birmingham, at a cost of £6,000,000.

DEPARTURE OF SIR GRAHAM BERRY FOR AUSTRALIA.

LONDON, Dec. 26.

The P. and O. Company's R.M.S. Victoria, with Sir Graham and Lady Berry on board, has sailed for Victoria.

The Victoria had been detained in the docks in consequence of the dense fog which prevailed for the last few days

THE REVOLT IN BRAZIL.

LONDON, Dec. 26.

Further riots have taken place at Pernambuco, in Brazil. Several of the rioters were killed. The Governor of the province has been expelled by the rioters.

EXPLOSION OF BOMBS IN A CHURCH IN SPAIN.

LONDON, Dec. 26.

During midnight mass on Christmas eve at a church in Valencia, Spain, four bombs were exploded within the building, wrecking the altar and injuring several persons.

Two men were arrested on a charge of being implicated in the outrage.

CORRUPTION IN CANADA.

LONDON, Dec. 26.

Sixteen Liberals and 13 Conservatives, members of the Canadian House of Commons, have been unseated on charges of corruption.

THE PROPOSED SALONICA MAIL ROUTE.

LONDON, Dec. 26.

It is reported that Great Britain has failed to arrange the carriage of the Indian mails via Salonica, instead of via Brindisi.

YELLOW FEVER AT RIO DE JANEIRO.

LONDON, Dec. 27.

An epidemic of yellow fever in a virulent form has broken out at Rio de Janeiro, the capital of Brazil. Ninety per cent. of the patients die.

IMPRISONMENT OF A RUSSIAN BARON.

LONDON, Dec. 27.

The Czar of Russia has imprisoned Baron Stakelberg, and ordered him to be deprived of his rank, owing to his cruelty while Governor of Esthonia.

PROSECUTION OF ENGLISHMEN IN FRANCE.

LONDON, Dec. 27.

Two Englishmen have been prosecuted by the French authorities at St. Etienne for trying to obtain patterns of French rifles. One was sentenced to 15 months' and the other to two months' imprisonment.

BRITISH DIPLOMATIC CHANGES

LONDON, Dec. 27.

Sir Robert Morier, British Ambassador at St. Petersburg, has been appointed to Rome, in succession to the Marquis of Dufferin, who succeeds the late Lord Lytton as British Ambassador in Paris.

ILLNESS OF THE CZARINA OF RUSSIA.

LONDON, Dec. 27.

The Czarina of Russia is suffering from an attack of influenza.

THE EUROPEAN BEET CROP.

LONDON, Dec. 27.

Mr. F. O. Licht, the Magdeburg expert, has reduced his estimate of the European beet crop by 100,000 tons.

THE NORTHUMBERLAND MINERS.

LONDON, Dec. 27.

The Northumberland miners have decided by a majority of four to one against boys working eight hours in the mines instead of 10.

THE POLITICAL SITUATION IN QUEBEC.

A LARGE DEFICIT.

[By Cable.]
(From our Correspondent.)

LONDON, Dec. 25.

The Treasurer of the new Conservative Administration in Quebec formed by Mr. C. E. B. de Boucherville, has discovered a deficit of 2,250,000 dollars in the finances of the province.

RAILWAY ACCIDENT IN ENGLAND.

[By Cable.]
(From our Correspondent.)

LONDON, Dec. 25.

A disastrous railway collision occurred yesterday at Lowestoft, the well-known watering-place in the east of England. Three passengers were killed and 30 others were injured.

TERRIBLE RAILWAY COLLISION IN AMERICA.

EXPLOSION OF A LOCOMOTIVE BOILER.

TEN PERSONS KILLED AND FIFTEEN INJURED.

[By Cable.]
(From our Correspondent.)

LONDON, Dec. 26.

A collision took place at Hastings, United States, between the Buffalo and St. Louis express trains. The disaster was caused by a brake-man, who was sent to stop the St. Louis train, delaying on the road in order to obtain a drink.

Ten person were killed and 15 were injured. Many passengers were badly scalded through the bursting of the boiler of the engine of the St. Louis express.

THE CZAR AND THE GRAND DUKE SERGIUS.

[By Cable.]
(From our Correspondent.)

LONDON, Dec. 26.

It is likely that the Czar of Russia will banish his brother, the Grand Duke Sergius, owing to his alleged tyranny at Moscow. It is believed, however, that the real reason for his probable banishment is that the Grand Duke Sergius is suspected of entertaining ambitious designs.

Other accounts state that the Grand Duke is reforming the rotten administration in Moscow.

RISING OF MALAY MINERS.

THE RAUB MINE.

[By Cable.]
(From our Correspondent.)

LONDON, Dec. 26.

A serious rising has taken place amongst the miners employed at the Raub Mine at Pahang, in the Malay Peninsula. Thirteen policemen are in the hands of the rioters, and two of them have been shot.

A detachment of Sikhs has been sent from Singapore to suppress the rising.

It is believed that the mine and the European miners are safe.

AFFAIRS IN CHILI.

PROCLAMATION OF PRESIDENT MONTT.

[By Cable.]
(From our Correspondent.)

LONDON, Dec. 27.

General Montt has been proclaimed President of the Chilian republic.

An amnesty has been granted to the minor officials under the Balmaceda *régime*.

THE WATERFORD ELECTION.

MR. REDMOND VICTORIOUS.

[By Cable.]
(From our Correspondent.)

LONDON, Dec. 24.

Mr. J. E. Redmond, the leader of the Parnellite section of the Home Rule party, has defeated Mr. Michael Davitt by nearly 500 votes in the contest for the representation of Waterford in the House of Commons.

PROTECTION IN FRANCE.

AN INCREASED ARMY VOTE.

[By Cable.]
(From our Correspondent.)

LONDON, Dec. 25.

In consequence of the protective policy in France having raised the prices of bread and meat, M. de Freycinet, the Minister for War, has asked for an additional 12,000,000 francs for victualling the army.

The Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York, Richard A. McCurdy, president, is the largest life insurance company in the world. Accumulated funds exceed thirty million six hundred thousand pounds sterling. Principal agency in Australia, 131 Pitt-street, Sydney, Z. C. Rennie, General Manager. Victorian branch, 446 Collins-street, Melbourne; Queensland branch, 223 Queen-street, Brisbane.—[Advt.]

INTERCOLONIAL NEWS.

[By Telegraph.]
(From our Correspondents.)

VICTORIA.

MELBOURNE, Sunday.

Boxing Day was favoured with delightful weather. The various holiday resorts were thronged. The principal amusements were the intercolonial cricket match, the Caledonian sports, and the Summer Meeting of the V.A.T.C. at Caulfield. The theatres in the evening were thronged. The train traffic throughout the day was very heavy.

Both Houses of Parliament will meet at 11 on Tuesday to put the finishing touches to any bills prior to the prorogation at noon.

Foxes are on the increase throughout the colony, and in the mallee country they promise to become as great a nuisance as dingoes were in the early days.

The Seymour *Express* office was burnt to the ground yesterday. The machinery was destroyed. The property was partially insured in the New Zealand and Standard offices.

On Christmas eve a girl named Fanny Ellen Wilson was killed on the railway line at Middle Brighton. She had gone to post a letter, and it is supposed she took a short cut, when she was run over and killed.

Yesterday afternoon a party of boys and girls from Collingwood were picknicking at the Red Bluff, St. Kilda. Mary M'Ewan, aged 15, and two boys about 13 years, entered the sea, and when 50 yards from the beach the girl sank and was drowned. One of the boys was rescued with some difficulty.

With regard to the s.s. Port Douglas, which lost three of her screw blades on the voyage from London, it is understood that if one more blade is fixed in addition to the blade which was left, she will be permitted to proceed on her voyage to Sydney, where the number of blades will be completed.

The ship Royal George, from New York, has arrived in port in command of E. R. Devine, the chief officer. During the voyage the master, Captain Hart, suffered from insomnia for several consecutive days, with the result that he developed a disposition to be violent, and the chief officer considered it necessary to confine him to the cabin. Towards the conclusion of the voyage the captain improved. Another incident was that one of the crew broke his thigh-bone.

The Bijou Theatre was crowded on Saturday to witness the production of "Much Ado About Nothing." The mounting and the dresses were excellent. The audience expressed their appreciation of the acting by a call for the principals at the end of five out of the six acts, and a special call for Mr. Brough. The comedy is likely to have a good run. "The Merry Monarch" was produced at the Princess's on Saturday for the first time in Australia. As a spectacle, the production has rarely been equalled in Melbourne, both as regards mounting and acting, and it was received by the audience with warm marks of approval. The pantomime "Jack the Giant-killer," which was produced at the Alexandra Theatre on Christmas Eve, was witnessed again on Saturday by a crowded audience. At the Theatre Royal the pantomime of "Dick Whittington" was witnessed by a crowded house. Sells' United Shows are announced to open on the 6th January at the Friendly Societies' Grounds.

A sum of £11,114 has been distributed in charities through the *Argus* from the beginning of the present year up to Christmas.

QUEENSLAND.

BRISBANE, Sunday.

Arthur Fay, 15 years of age, was charged at the City Police Court on Saturday morning, with having murdered William Dobson, in George-street, on Christmas Eve. After the evidence of the arresting constable had been taken, the accused was remanded till Thursday next.

The Christmas holidays passed off very quietly, the weather all through being delightful. Yesterday crowds of people visited the various holiday resorts. The principal event of the day was the worker's political demonstration at the Exhibition, which was largely attended. A procession of the Workers' Political Union marched to the ground where a sports programme was gone through. Open-air speech-making followed the sports. Mr. Glassey was in the chair. The speakers were Messrs. J. D. Fitzgerald and A. Rae, M.L.A., of New South Wales, and Mr. Trenwith, M.L.A., of Melbourne. The meeting was very orderly and attentive. The principal subjects dealt with were the necessity of securing registration on the electoral roll with the view to the election of labour representatives, and thus securing one man one vote, and other needed reforms.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

ADELAIDE, Sunday.

An exceptionally cool and pleasant weather marked the Christmas season here. Christmas Day was quietly observed. Sacred concerts were given by the Italian Opera Company and the Adelaide Musical Association, and they were well attended. The Boxing Day races held at Port Adelaide attracted a large attendance.

At a meeting of the shareholders in the South Australian Woollen Company, the chairman, Mr. C. H. Goode, said that most of the preliminary difficulties in restoring the company's business had been got over, and the company was in a promising condition.

The R.M.S. Oruba left Albany at 10 this morning, and may be expected at Largs Bay at 10 on Tuesday morning.

Robert Russell, an old colonist, died on Thursday last at Queenstown, aged 85. He landed here in 1836, and was the first to place a white child ashore. He knew Colonel Light well when he was surveying the Port Adelaide road.

TASMANIA.

LAUNCESTON, Sunday.

Fine weather prevailed for the holidays. There were thousands of visitors to the Exhibition on Friday and Saturday.

The North v. South cricket match was commenced on Saturday at Launceston. The North in their first innings scored 191, and the South 192, the last two wickets making 93.

In the case of Brothers' Home No. 1 v. the Briseis Tin Company, a petition has been filed on behalf of the defendants for leave to appeal to the Privy Council.

INDUSTRIAL DEPRESSION IN VICTORIA.

[By Telegraph.]
(From our Correspondent.)

MELBOURNE, Sunday.

The industrial depression is being very severely felt in Brunswick, and quite an exodus of brickmakers and carters has taken place to the country districts. Many brickyards have closed altogether, and others are employing but a fraction of its former hands. There is a strong feeling in Brunswick against the Government for their economic policy in the matter of public works. Mr. D. Methven, M.L.A., who has been a consistent supporter of the Munro Ministry, said a few days ago at a local banquet that the Government was practically starving the people out of the colony. Their policy of retrenchment had thrown 20,000 people out of employment, and was bringing disaster on Victoria. These sentiments were largely shared by the electors of East Bourke Boroughs, and already an active canvass was being made on behalf of Sir Graham Berry to return him to Parliament at the coming general election on the understanding that he will oppose the Munro Government if returned.

EXTENSIVE FIRE NEAR JERILDERIE.

SAD DEATH OF A YOUNG MAN.

[By Telegraph.]
(From our Correspondent.)

JERILDERIE, Saturday.

Another bush fire broke out yesterday at Tuppal. The fire swept easterly towards Murray Hut. It is reported that Moodie's, of Springfield, was completely swept, and that stacks and crops were burnt. The wind changed to south-east, and turned the fire in the direction of Coree run, and also northwards towards Wonnamurra. A good part of the latter run was burnt. The Coree station hands galloped from the head station, about 16 miles, to the fire. One young man, named Robinson, a brother of Dr. Robinson, of this town, was riding a spirited animal a little in advance of the party when he attempted to gallop through the flames. The horse bucked and threw him. His comrades, not knowing what had happened, skirted the flames, and got to Tongaboo house, where Robinson was missed. Shortly afterwards the horse was seen at the fence with his hair singed. An alarm was raised and a search commenced. They found Robinson lying on his back, his clothes being completely burnt off, but he was breathing, and was carried to Tongaboo. A messenger was despatched for a doctor, but Robinson died before his arrival. He lived and was conscious for three hours after the accident, and told how the occurrence took place, saying that when thrown he was stunned. The fire is still raging on Coree and Wonnamurra, but the day being calm there are hopes of extinguishing it now.

COUNTRY NEWS.

[By Telegraph.]
(From our Correspondents.)

BATHURST, Saturday.

Yesterday the body of a man named Brig was found in the river. It is supposed to be a case of suicide.

GLEN INNES, Saturday.

A man named Edward Tuttle was drowned in the Beardy River this afternoon. He had been to the races, and went with a companion to have a bathe. Efforts made to recover the body have proved unsuccessful.

INVERELL, Saturday.

The man Larkin, who was arrested and charg with desertion from the Artillery seven years ago, was discharged, as the military authorities declined to proceed with the case.

TAMWORTH, Saturday.

About half-past 1 o'clock to-day a fire broke out, and destroyed the servants' weatherboard rooms at the Temperance Hotel. Damage was done to the extent of £50.

CROOKWELL, Saturday.

Many farmers in the district are busy haymaking, for which the weather could not be better. The hay crop promises to be very good, and in some cases will be nearly double that of last year. The wheat crops in some cases are rather indifferent, but in places there are some splendid paddocks, giving promise of abundant yields.

The influenza epidemic has almost subsided.

MOSS VALE, Saturday.

A rifle match between teams from the 5th Regiment, Scottish Rifles, and the Moss Vale Reserve Rifle Corps was fired on the new range, and resulted in a win for the local men by nine points, the scores being—Moss Vale 417, and the 5th Regiment 408. The wind was very tricky, which accounted for the low scoring. C. Taylor, from the local team, was top with 53.

GULGONG, Saturday.

The annual Jockey Club races were held to-day, and were well attended. Every event was closely contested.

During the week it was very hot, the thermometer averaging 96°. To-day there was a cool breeze from the westward, and the thermometer was 84°.

A concert in aid of the Church of England organ fund was held to-night; Miss Hazeltine and Mr. Fedder, from Mudgee, assisting.

PARKES, Saturday.

A prisoner named John Regan, alias Corbett, under committal for horse-stealing on several charges, escaped from the lockup by scaling the fence of the yard this morning. The police are scouring the country for the escapee.

NARRANDERA, Saturday.

Reports from ·ana, Jerilderie, and Berrigan districts, where farming is extensively carried on, state that the yield of crops is far heavier on the average than any previous season. Indignation is expressed here at the Railway Commissioners refusing to erect a grain shed between the Narrandera railway station and goods shed. The weather yesterday and to-day was cooler than the early part of the week by 25 degrees.

NEWCASTLE, Sunday.

A fatal accident is reported from Lake Macquarie. A miner named William Grill was in a boat off Toronto on Friday afternoon, and nearing Coal Point, when a squall caught the boat and capsized Grill, who was drowned. The water police are dragging for the body.

WAGGA, Saturday.

Owing to the grass being very dry, large areas were destroyed by fire at Eunonyhareenyha, Merton, Bundigary, Ringwa, and other stations.

There has been no rain here for some time. The country is very dry. Harvesting operations are in full swing in the Broken Dam district. It is estimated that the crops' average yield will be about 12 bushels per acre.

BUSH FIRES IN THE NARRANDERA DISTRICT.

GREAT DAMAGE TO CROPS.

[By Telegraph.]
(From our Correspondent.)

NARRANDERA, Sunday.

There was extremely hot weather here the early part of the week, caused by the fearful bush fires round the district. News was brought to town yesterday by the Mount Elliott mailman that a fire broke out on Tuesday at Barellan station. The fire burned miles of country, and extended to Messrs. Comyns Brothers' estate adjoining, and did much damage to the crops, fencing, and grass. The fire is still raging, and can be seen from Narrandera, a distance of over 40 miles. A large area of Mumbledool station was burnt, and a number of selectors on the run were also burnt out. Mr. W. P. Murphy, a big selector of Ganmain, was completely burned out, losing all his crops. Also several selectors in the neighbourhood of Grong Grong lost their crops through fires raging on Wednesday. When these fires broke out a strong wind was blowing, causing the fire to spread with great rapidity, making it impossible to get it under. It is not known how many sheep have been burned. A large amount of damage was done to the station hands on the neighbouring selections, and the farmers are fighting bravely, relays of men being on the watch at the different stations. Bush fires started yesterday on Namma, but were got under with great difficulty after 12,000 acres of grass and some miles of fencing were burnt. A large area of country on the Colinroobie was burned, and two selectors on the estate lost part of their crop. A fire broke out this morning on Midgeon station run, and by prompt action of the station hands was got well under before much damage was done. Only a few hundred acres of grass was burned.

PASTORAL INTELLIGENCE.

[By Telegraph.]
(From our Correspondent.)

WAGGA, Saturday.

The following are the stock movements:—10,000 sheep, Armstrong Brothers owners, from Ginlagong, Kiandra, via Gundagai, Bourke in charge; 700 sheep, Alexander Rochford owner, from Junee going to Yass, via Gundagai, owner in charge; 2000 sheep, W. Polen owner, from Tumut going to Nyngan, via Broken Dam, owner in charge; 4000 fat wethers, going to Deniliquin, via Broken Dam, from Lake Cowal; 4914 ewes, Alexander Armstrong and Co. owners, from Alma, going to Victoria, Gerald Clancy in charge; 10,000 wethers, Alston and Sons owners, from Kilfera, going to Cootamundra, Weimberg in charge; 20 head of fat bullocks, J. A. Wallace owner, from Quat Quatta, going to Melbourne market, by rail; 1600 mixed fat sheep, J. H. Shiller owner, from Yathong, Talbot in charge, going to Melbourne market; 4300 sheep, going to Delatile Estate, near Mansfield, from H. Ricketson's Cornalla station; 30 rams, from Reynolds, Son, and Russell's Barrigan Estate, going to Strathermerton.

CARDINAL MORAN AT ROCKDALE.

A NEW SCHOOL-CHURCH.

The foundation-stone of the new Roman Catholic school-church of St. Joseph, at Rockdale, was laid with religious ceremony by Cardinal Moran yesterday afternoon. The assemblage brought together by the occasion included Alderman P. J. Lacey, Alderman J. Hegarty, Alderman P. Scahill, the Rev. C. Conway, the Rev. Peter Byrne, the Very Rev. Dr. O'Haran, and Messrs. Joseph Walz, John Downey, E. Campbell, Stephen Burns, P. Hayes, D. Tracey, J. English, Peter Moone, M. Lacey, E. English, Jas. Horan, and M. Connell. It was stated that the site of the building and the adjoining land, covering half an acre, was the gift of Mr. Walz, and that the building would cost about £600.

Cardinal Moran, addressing the assemblage, said that though he had been suffering from neuralgia for the past few days, he could not deny himself the pleasure of attending that day to bless the foundation-stone of what could not prove to be other than a most useful institution in the district. They were indebted to the generous donor for, perhaps, the finest site in the district, and no more appropriate time for the commencement of such a work could be selected, for the motto of their Catholic schools was "Glory to God and peace to all men." (Applause.) They were told in certain quarters that they were the enemies of the Public schools. They were nothing of the sort. The Public schools did not suit them, and they had erected, and were still erecting, schools in which the religious as well as the secular education of their little ones was secured. (Applause.) The advantages of these religious schools were freely thrown open to their Protestant fellow-citizens, and in many instances half the scholars were non-Catholics. He was informed that the late Minister for Public Instruction had expended large sums of money in the adornment of the Public schools of that district. On this Mr. Carruthers was to be congratulated, and for his own part he (the Cardinal) had only to say that if he had been in the Minister's place he would have expended twice the amount. (Laughter and applause.) He did not blame Mr. Carruthers in any way for what he had done, for it was his wish that their fellow-citizens should have the best possible schools. (Applause.) While on this subject he might remark that he had seen the other day in one of the leading papers that the Catholic body was represented as having entered into an alliance with a certain political party. If there was any such alliance he knew nothing about it, and if such an alliance existed he believed he would be the first to betray the secret, and to pronounce it a great piece of humbug. (Laughter and applause.) So far from being allied to any particular party, the Catholic citizens were free to take whatever political course they thought best, and he for one hoped the Catholic citizens would never associate themselves with any party which had not at heart the peace and prosperity of the whole community. (Applause.) The Catholic citizens, like all enlightened citizens, were free to follow whatever line of politics recommended itself to them, but he trusted that they would always continue to be guided by patriotic rather than by party motives. (Applause.)

A subscription-list was then opened, and in a few minutes £350 was handed in, Mr. John Downey heading the donations with £50.

Alderman Lacey proposed and Mr. Campbell seconded a vote of thanks to Cardinal Moran, and after a few words of congratulation from the Cardinal the proceedings closed.

The late head of the well-known publishing house of Tauchnitz, who died a few years ago, is to have a memorial erected in his honour at Leipzig, the cost of which will be defrayed by the citizens.

BOXING DAY.

Favoured by perfect weather, with a fresh south-easterly breeze to temper the rays of an Australian Christmas sun, Boxing Day of 1891 passed off in the most successful manner. With these most fortunate climatic conditions, and the almost countless opportunities, it is no wonder that the day of days in the holiday calendar was honoured with joyous gaiety. With temptations so numerous, and means of enjoying them to the full so conveniently at hand, it is not surprising that the city was denuded of its population early in the morning, and remained almost deserted until an hour or so before sunset. Full advantage was taken of the numerous marine excursions both to resorts within our harbour boundaries, and to the farther distances in the vicinity of the Hawkesbury and Broken Bay. Boating and yachting claimed their usual contingent of votaries, and private picnics there were by the score. The races at Randwick received an abnormal amount of patronage, so did Bondi Aquarium and the like institution at Coogee. The railway traffic returns are not quite equal to last year's holiday takings, but they excel those of the Prince of Wales's birthday festivities. So far the holiday traffic has been carried without mishap or inconvenience other than brief but unavoidable delays. On the city and suburban tramlines, not forgetting the cable service of North Shore, the demand for accommodation, morning and evening, was exceedingly heavy, and Mr. Roberts with his admirable arrangements did all that could be done for the accommodation of the public. At night the city proper was again full of life and activity. The streets were well lined with pedestrians, and all the places of amusement were filled with holiday-makers. The pantomimes at the Theatre Royal and Her Majesty's and the operatic production at the Criterion received so much patronage that shortly after the advertised hour of opening standing room was not available. Appended are detailed accounts of the day's proceedings.

THEATRE ROYAL.

"The Forty Thieves" was staged at the Theatre Royal on Saturday with such exceptional splendour that the ballet in the fairy wood in the first act, the evolutions of the dazzling forty in the second, and the procession of sumptuously attired wedding guests in the last, will long be remembered here as the great features of one of the most picturesque pantomimes that has been staged in Sydney. Apart from the costumes and the rich beauty of Mr. George Gordon's scenes, the introduction of the "Wonderful Craggs" serves to give further claim for grateful recollection to the Theatre Royal pantomine of 1891. There are seven of these athletes whose lightning-like rapidity and unerring accuracy in the performance of "tumbling" of a very extraordinary description fairly astonished the most hardened of old playgoers. The interest taken in this performance was such that a noisy and closely-packed Boxing Night audience became perfectly still, only breaking the silence to reward the newcomers with deafening applause at the close of each difficult feat. If we except the opening of Act II., and the inevitable carpenter's scene at the end of the piece—and these exceptions have reference to the merest fragments of a four hours' entertainment—we may fairly characterise Saturday's production as the briskest "first night" that has been seen here for years, and Mr. Frank Emery may certainly take credit for the skill with which he has strung together the rich material sent over from London by Mr. Musgrove. The cast proved very strong. Mr. Fred. Mason is a comedian of original eccentric humour; Miss Rose Dearing dances with grace and neatness, and sings her comic songs with refinement as well as point; Miss Jennie Opie's fine stage presence and pleasant voice gave interest to the shadowy part of Abdallah; the Almonte troupe did good work; and various parts gave opportunity for distinction to Miss Pattie Brown and other popular favourites. The audience was thus kept in a high state of exhilaration and good humour, and the only manifestation of disorder or discontent occurred through the refusal of Miss Dearing, who was probably "changing" for the last scene, to give a double encore to the "gods" in her song, "At Night." For 10 minutes after the piece had continued, the uproar was such that the story was carried on in "dumb-crambo." Mr. Gourlay and Miss Opie carried on quite a long conversation which, judging by their emphatic gestures, might have been of the most interesting character, and all the business of chalking the doors was conducted in the same fashion. Not till Messrs. Mason and Shine "hit" the house with a topical song did the gallery judges of the play consent to condone Miss Dearing's "contempt of court." The transformation scene was reached at 11 p.m., but the harlequinade lasted half an hour longer, and as it contained no very special features might be shortened with advantage.

According to the usual method of reviewing pieces of this kind, a brief description of the chief attractions of the pantomime may now be given. The curtain rises upon the Mushroom Glade, the "mushroom growth" of which takes place in sight of the audience until the great stalks stand seven or eight feet high. Here the wicked Gladiolus (Mr. Webb) assembles with his sprites, and upon him a Mephistopheleian ruddy light is cast, contrasting with the low scheme of colour in which Mr. Gordon has painted his dismal glade. "Mount Olympus and the Temple of Terpsichore," the succeeding scene, showed the dazzling blue of the Ægean Sea with a green islet rising steeply therefrom, bearing aloft a temple with classic front backed by a "distance," painted with great delicacy—the whole effect decidedly Turneresque. In the gardens which form the foreground of this classic scene, the first of Madame Duvalli's well-arranged ballets was danced to beautiful music, in which the flutes and strings, pizzicati, were chiefly employed—and here occasion may be taken to say that Mr. H. T. Harrison has chosen the music exceedingly well. There are a few common-place numbers of course, but for the most part the selections have grace and distinctive character, and may be heard with pleasure by amateurs as well as by the general mass of the audience. The ballet proved a slow and graceful dance, in which some two score nymphs with silver wings and sparkling silver lyres, reinforced by a band of children bearing silver branches, contributed a series of well-grouped tableaux. Mdlle. Armanda Noel made her début herein in pale mauve colour, and danced in the long-familiar ballet style, with perfect balance and command of the nether limbs—which, indeed, this accomplished danseuse flourishes with an ease and certainty which few mortals achieve even with their arms. The pas seul was encored. Fiorabella then entered in the person of Miss Amy Johns, a handsome Fairy Queen in blush-pink studded with jewels, a jewelled lyre blazing upon her head; and with her came the Fairy Bobby, Miss Louie Emery, whose pleasant-speaking voice proved grateful to the ear. The Congress of Nations introduced appropriately-dressed figures to the audience, of whom the representatives of America (Miss Mary Downward) and Federated Australia (Miss Fitzmaurice Gill) spoke well and clearly; and the scene closed with a stirring chorus, in which the male voices behind the scenes essayed with some want of confidence to weave in the National Anthem. Thereafter some slight attention was paid to the story, and Ali Baba's 'umble 'ome (J. Gordon) was disclosed, with Cogia Baba (Mr. Harry Shine) busily employed in whipping Ali's numerous children. Mr. Shine's comic song about "A Hard Day's Work," thanks to the funny dialogue, kept the house in a roar.

Miss Rose Dearing, *petite* and refined-looking, made her entrance here as Morgiana. The actress was very tastefully dressed in grey and crushed strawberry, and achieved an instant success with "He was Whistling This Tune All Day,"—a fascinating melody supplied by the piccolo being the "tune" in question. Miss Dearing dances with elasticity and lightness, speaks with vivacity, and sings sufficiently for pantomime purposes. In the third act Miss Dearing, dressed in pink, with a bodice of silver coins, sang "At Night" with so much sly insinuation that the song was encored, and generally proved of much assistance to the piece. Mr. Fred. Mason was the Ali Baba, and immediately on his appearance made the comic success of the evening with "It makes you careful, doesn't it?" in which the confidentially casual tone of the "Oh, By-the-bye," Boys," brought down the house every time. Mr. Mason is a decidedly funny man, and his coster song, "Knocked 'em in the Old Kent-road"—given in a coster-suit of pearl buttons, after dismounting from the donkey-tandem from which he had just been kicked by the "leader"—was sung in character with much spirit. The amusing business with the donkey-tandem took place in the "Grand Bazaar of Bagdad," with its picturesque façades narrowing towards the great archway, half in sunlight half in shadow, which spans the street; beyond which Mr. Gordon shows towering minarets, standing out like marble against a delicious breadth of turquoise sky. The bazaar was crowded with handsome girls, in Oriental stuffs characteristically striped, and the stage blazed with colour. Here the Fairy Four in primrose yellow, and with babies in their arms, danced with tender grace to a charming little lullaby, daintily orchestrated, and the number was vociferously encored. The same four pretty girls, dressed in palest spring-green, with pink underskirts, were similarly successful in the last act—their gestures were fresh, and the *ensemble* delightfully harmonious. The "Fat Boy's Song," in the Bazaar, was sung by a score of little people in crimson "muffin" caps and pretty dead-leaf green breeches, who were "encored." Of the song itself hardly a note could be heard, so delighted was the house with the vivacity of a toddling three-year-old, who "faced the music" with a self-possession that kept the audience in roars of laughter. Miss Pattie Brown had already entered, and her return to the burlesque stage after an absence of seven years was greeted with enthusiasm. Miss Brown, who has since made her mark in comedy, was the Fairy Irradiante of the "Red Riding Hood" pantomime at the Theatre Royal on the 20th December, 1884, when Miss Emma Chambers and the Matthews Brothers were in the cast. Miss Brown, sweetly dressed in dove-grey and white, made a remarkably pretty and piquante Ganem, and her tuneful voice was pleasantly heard in a duet, "O, Tell Me," with Miss Dearing—the flowing melody effectively written. Miss Brown also scored with her song "The 'Bather' Girl."

The second act, showing the Banyan Forest, with hanging branches, a tree "practicable" for Ali and Ganem to a height of some 30ft., introduced the Robber Band. Mr. John Gourlay, as Hassarac, a red-haired ruffian with movable whiskers, did some very clever gesticulation to the brass-y effects of the entr'acte from "Lohengrin" as a prelude to his first song, "A Villain I Live and Die." This number, in which the actor exactly "took off" Mr. Fortescue's manner in "The Man in the Moon," was encored; and more laughter was raised by Mr. Ted Almonte, as the Ass, who "collapsed" forthwith on hearing of the approach of the Forty Thieves. These last furnished the great event of the evening. The chain-mail head-dresses and shining armour, the orange and gold costumes, with golden shields, and a picturesque arrangement of the dress suggestive of butterflies, provided a dazzling spectacle as the robbers manœuvred in the forest. A rapid change of scene showed the brilliantly lighted interior of the cave, and here Miss Jennie Opie, as Abdallah, splendidly dressed, handsome of face and tall of figure, displayed a mezzo-soprano of round and mellow quality and considerable power, in a tuneful brindisi—"Champagne." The last act disclosed a picturesque street scene, and another change showed a lovely set—the palace garden with its wealth of pink oleander blossom, and clear blue water brimming the marble tank that faced the palace front. A cleverly-written topical duet, "I don't think it's ever been done," by Messrs. Mason and Shine, was encored, and then came the Wedding Procession, probably the most gorgeous thing of its kind ever seen in Australia. Pages in Henry VIII. costumes of heliotrope and gold; robes of velvet, ermine-trimmed; mantels inlaid with medallions of precious stones and chains of pearls, and hand-painted dresses adorned with costly lace—these were the features in this magnificent procession. Miss Pattie Brown made a bewitching bridegroom in mauve, and Miss Dearing an attractive bride in gold. Mr. Robertson's vivacious finale, "Stand by your Guns," prepared the way for the Craggs. The feats in which these athletes literally "leap from crag to crag" are indescribable, and it will be sufficient to say that the theatre will be crowded for weeks to come with audiences in large measure attracted by their unique performance. The transformation scene showed four fine allegorical paintings by Mr. George Gordon, representing Earth, Air, Fire, and Water. These pictures (which should be left for the audience to study longer than was the case on Saturday) being quickly removed, a female figure reposing by a stream was discovered, whilst the orchestra played music from Weber's "Oberon;" and finally, the full stage was opened up, and the mermaids' haunt with water streaming down behind and a hundred lights shining upon the scene, appeared as the subject of a charming "set," the responsibility of which Mr. Gordon was forced to acknowledge at the footlights. The harlequinade was good, but over-long, and on purely conventional lines. The cast was as follows:—Clown, Mr. Charles Almonte; pantaloon, Mr. Ted Almonte; harlequin, Mr. Will Almonte; columbine, Mdlle. Cissie; and harlequina, Mdlle. d'Albert.

HER MAJESTY'S.

"The Babes in the Wood" attracted a large audience to Her Majesty's Theatre on Saturday afternoon, and the laughter at Mr. Ayrton's clever harlequinade was loud and long. In the evening a surging crowd filled every available corner of the house. The pantomime went brightly, and the transformation scene, with its graceful groups of pretty fairies, was received with enthusiasm.

THE GARRICK.

The Messrs. Cogill Brothers, with their comedy burlesque company, are drawing large houses at the Garrick Theatre, and on Boxing Night the building was crowded. The programme commenced with "Our Socialities," in which Horace Bent and Charles W. Cogill convulsed the audience with their comic songs, the former giving "Lucinda Mopps," and the latter "I Caught It." The Sisters Anderson contributed a very pretty medley, "Bouquet," for which they had to submit to a recall. The first part concluded with "Our New Mystics," which was very amusing. The whole company took part in this item. A farcical comedy entitled "The Brook" comprises the second part of the programme, and it was very funny. The Messrs. Cogill Brothers and Mr. Horace Bent kept the audience in laughter from beginning to end. Some of the scenes and situations are funny in the extreme. The entertainment is suited to all those who enjoy a hearty laugh.

CRITERION.

It is now a considerable time since Miss Maggie Moore took the Sydney theatre-going public by storm as Bettina in "La Mascotte," and later on Miss Nellie Stewart charmed them by her admirable impersonation of the same character; but the popularity of Adran's sparkling opera has not waned. This was abundantly proved on Saturday evening by the crowded audience which assembled at the Criterion Theatre to witness the production of "La Mascotte" by Mr. Williamson's juvenile troupe. The opera had evidently been carefully rehearsed, and went almost as smoothly as if it had occupied the boards for a week. The appointments were of an elaborate nature, and in the matter of costumes the question of economic expenditure appears to have been the last thing that entered into the consideration of the management. The scenery, too, was admirable, and the Sylvan Glade quite roused the enthusiasm of the audience. As for the clever young performers, they deserve every praise for the effective manner in which they got through a very trying ordeal, and it was gratifying to notice that their efforts were fully appreciated throughout. Miss Lily Everett appeared as Bettina, the luckbringer, and she not only looked extremely picturesque, but was in good voice. The "Glu Glu" duet with Pippo proved quite a hit, and had to be repeated; and Miss Everett was equally at home in the other difficult numbers. Master A. Stephens as Laurent, Duke of Rombino, had evidently mastered the mysteries of stage make-up, and he seemed to possess a thorough estimate of the amount of fun which the character was capable of developing. Master Stephens's humour was natural and spontaneous, and he kept the house in a simmer of amusement all through the piece. He was well supported by Master H. Quealey, as the farmer Rocco. Miss Lily Stephens made a winsome Princess Fiametta, and the Pippo of Miss Marion Mitchell was also a creditable performance. Miss Daisy Holly, as Frascello, treated the audience to some graceful dancing. The various members of the chorus were in good voice, and the evolutions of the guards in the third act were certainly not the least enjoyable feature in a successful performance. This afternoon the company will reproduce the "Pirates of Penzance," and in the evening "La Mascotte" will be repeated.

ROYAL STANDARD THEATRE.

A holiday programme arranged by Whiterod's English and American Comedy and Speciality Company drew a fairly large audience to the Royal Standard Theatre on Saturday night, and frequent cheering proved the general enjoyment of the programme submitted. Songs, dances, witticisms, &c., followed one another inquick succession, and were of a standard of excellence that proved the numerous company which now has possession of the Standard Theatre to be a well-selected and capable one. The comic element is well to the fore in the entertainment, and is invested with a freshness that seemed to suit the holiday mood of Saturday's audience. The performance will be repeated nightly until further notice.

DARLINGHURST HALL.

Mr. John F. Sheridan has added another venture to his list. At present the name of Sheridan calls up pleasant reminiscences of "Fun on the Bristol" and "Bridget O'Brien, Esquire;" but, judging from what was witnessed on Saturday evening, it promises in future to be indissolubly associated with the "Vienna Summer Garden," which Mr. Sheridan has established on an elaborate scale in connection with the Darlinghurst Hall. A garden of any kind suggests trees, shrubs, palms, ferns flowers, foliage, and other objects which afford delight; but a summer garden suggests not only all these things but others that, combined with them, contribute an even larger degree of pleasure to the visitors. Mr. Sheridan has effected the necessary transformation of the Darlinghurst Hall to justify the name of "Vienna Summer Garden." In the first place the stage, which is now embowered in trees, and is suggestive of a baronial hall, has been transferred from the northern to the western side of the building, and the proscenium has been so constructed that an uninterrupted view of the performers is obtainable from almost any part of the building. Nor is the uninterrupted view the only essential upon which attention has been bestowed, the acoustics having been so improved that the spectator, provided he is not at the most distant part of the building from the stage, can hear distinctly all the dialogues that take place on the platform. So far as the audience is concerned it is accommodated with seats which are arranged in a semi-circle around the stage, space being left for the orchestra between the audience and the stage. At the back of the space reserved for the audience is a considerable area of floor, which, being covered with sawdust to deaden sound, is reserved for promenading. On the right and left of this promenade are statues, shrubs, palms, ferns, &c.; parterres picked out with fairy lights; and alcoves, gaily draped, attended by young women whose delight it is to serve light refreshments to such of the visitors as are willing to pay for them. In what may be called the outskirts of the audience have been placed a number of marble tables, and around these groups of friends assemble, and they are supplied with refreshments by some maidens who trip about noiselessly as the performances proceed. Then in addition to what has already been described, there are smoking recesses. On Saturday night the audience was a very large one. So far as the entertainment itself is concerned, it is provided by a powerful orchestra, in conjunction with Mr. Sheridan's Garden Company. The orchestra numbers nearly 50 members, and embraces eight first violins, six second violins, four violas, three 'cellos, three double-basses, two flutes, two oboes, two clarionets, two bassoons, four horns, two cornets, three trombones, and a euphonium, besides other instruments. Amongst the orchestra are names well known in the several colonies. Mr. H. Rosendorff is the leading violinist, Mr. Theo. Liebe the principal "'cellist," Mr. L. A. Benvenuti plays the principal double bass, Mr. John Lemmone is the principal flautist, Mr. R. Clive the player of the first clarionet, and Mr. Langdale solo bassoon. The whole of the musical work was under the baton of Mr. J. A. Robertson. The instrumental part of the entertainment embraced an overture, "William Tell," which was given in a most spirited manner; the graceful dance from the music to Henry VIII., an admirable performance; an excellent selection from "The Gondoliers," which introduces solos for all the principal instruments; as well as other compositions. Mr. Jules Simonsen, a member of a family which for operatic music has a more than intercolonial renown, made his first professional bow to a Sydney audience, and by singing "On Billow Rolling" showed conclusively that he has inherited in a large degree the art which has already made the name of Simonsen a household word. Mr. Richard W. Nitschke gave a successful rendering of "The Toreador," Miss Maude Leamington sang "Afterwards" effectively, and at a later stage Miss Amanda Corcoran established herself as a favourite by her successful singing of "Dis-moi." Miss Gracie Whiteford added to her previous successes by singing "My Kay," a roguish morceau, which evoked a most decided encore, in response to which she sang "Where the Pretty

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"Roses Grow," and was again applauded. The evergreen "Peach of Emerald Hue," one of the most successful Sheridan-Whiteford duets, was not forgotten, and the performance of it called forth a most demonstrative kind of approval. The "Little Peach," the eating of which led to such disastrous consequences as are suggested by "Listen to my Tale of Woe," was followed by "Ping-a-Pong," a topical sort of mosaic, which sparkles with reminders of the Prince of Wales, General Booth, the Salvation Army, and the London Gaiety Opera Company. "Ping-a-Pong" was sung by Mr. Sheridan and Miss Whiteford with their accustomed success. The lighter parts of the entertainment were also brought out by Miss Mildred Trigge, who executed a pas de seul in a way that was most taking; the Blair Sisters, who contributed a piquant duet, the keynote of which was "Which of the two would you like to marry, which of the two would you like to kiss?" and being recalled gave "Down in the Shady Dell;" and Miss Stella Tudor, Miss Hettie Williams, and the Bovis Brothers, whose specialities were character songs and changes. The second part of the entertainment introduced a ballet, "The Zouaves," a clever conception, which embodies musket-drill, marching, counter-marching, the instantaneous formation of fighting squares, and other evolutions which are suggestive of the battle-field. The music of "The Zouaves" includes a "Vocal March;" a quartet, "Sisters of the Red Cross;" a drinking song and chorus, "The Vivandière" (by Miss Gracie Whiteford); a chorus the Bivouac, "Good Night;" and a tenor song, "A Soldier's Good Night to his Mother," sung by Mr. Jules Simonsen. The lyrics were by Mr. Burton Royle, and the costumes, which were bright and picturesque, were designed by Mrs. Kate Whiteford. The entertainment, which is under the management of Mr. F. B. Norton, will be repeated this evening.

SCHOOL OF ARTS.

This place of amusement was no exception to the rule on Saturday, every seat being occupied long before the rising of the curtain. The programme presented was of a far more attractive character than usual, and among the new artists who made their first appearance in connection with the Vaudeville Minstrel and Specialty Company were Miss Blanche Montagu and Mr. W. Papps. The first portion of the programme consisted of minstrelsy, and was introduced by a song appropriate to the season by Mr. J. S. Whitworth. Miss Amy Kennedy was encored on several occasions for her rendition of Scotch songs, and the corner men were well received. Mr. Pat. Rochford contributed Irish selections, and the Sisters Sherwood were the recipients of considerable applause for their artistic dancing. The Misses Ida Tauchert and Bodin appeared twice in song and dance, and on each occasion were recalled. The second part of the entertainment was the production of a burlesque entitled "Faust up to Date," which is as worthy of praise as "Cinderella," the piece which preceded it. The title rôle was impersonated by Miss Lucy Fraser, and the other characters were well sustained by Misses Emma Markham, Annette Bodin, Florrie Summers, Amy Kennedy, and Messrs. Percy St. John, J. S. Whitworth, Frank Yorke, Eddie Sampson, and Alf. M. Hazlewood. The same programme will be produced nightly during this week.

THE CYCLORAMA.

The special Christmas programme resulted in a large attendance of visitors to the Cyclorama on Saturday. The pictorial representation of the battle of Gettysburg was to be seen throughout the day, and at intervals descriptive lectures were given. Instrumental music, and a concert, as well as a fairy dell, illuminated by festoons of lamps and lanterns, were additional sources of entertainment.

The concert was under the direction of Messrs. Dale and Percival. Songs were rendered by Mrs. Waddington, Miss Reeve, and Messrs. M'Canna, Clifford, and others.

ALHAMBRA MUSIC HALL.

The Alhambra Music Hall was packed to the doors on Saturday night, when the week's programme was produced for the last time. To-night will be staged the burlesque "Under the Sea" or "Mermaids and Ministers."

PROTESTANT HALL.

There was a crowded house at the Protestant Hall on Saturday, when the weekly concert inaugurated by Mr. Addison was given. This entertainment is rightly called the people's concert, for it hits the popular taste. A capital programme of songs and dances was gone through and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

THE POLYTECHNIC.

The new Polytechnic amusement hall, under the Imperial Arcade, has now been opened for a week, and gives promise of becoming a very popular resort. It is surprisingly large and cool, and the arrangements are decidedly novel. There was a large attendance on Saturday both at the matinée and the evening performance, and the various items in the programme presented by the Polytechnic company were all warmly applauded. To-night there will be an entire change of programme, when, among other novelties, the fighting kangaroo "Jack" will make his appearance. The Faust family will also take part in the performance.

THE ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS.

The popularity of the Zoological Gardens, Moore Park, as a holiday resort was borne witness to on Saturday by the thousands of pleasure seekers who passed the turnstile. At this season the grounds look their best, and between the flowers, the beauties of the lake, and the zoological treasures on exhibition there was no lack of entertainment for the visitors.

ORGAN RECITAL AT THE TOWN HALL.

The attractive programme arranged by Mr. Wiegand for Saturday evening's organ recital at the Town Hall drew together a large audience, and frequent and hearty applause proved the fact that the enjoyment of the talented organist's playing was general. The first number set down on the programme was the overture to the "Bohemian Girl," and this was followed with Batiste's Prayer in F, and Adam's Noel. Then followed an improvisation on Christmas songs popular in England, France, Naples, and Belgium, a solemn march (Ketterer), a fantasia on "Maritana," Sullivan's "The Lost Chord," Wiegand's No. 2 Idyll, the performance concluding with the city organist's No. 2 selection from popular songs of England, Ireland, and Scotland.

TEMPERANCE HALL.

A change of programme took place at the weekly People's Concerts at the Temperance Hall, Pitt-street, on Saturday night. Mr. W. Burton acted as interlocutor, and there were four corner men. The following artists took part in the performance:—Ted Baker, comedian, song and dance artist; Miss Flo. Murray, in her serio-comic gems; Bede Hinchy, Irish comedian, in his Irish wit and humour; Mr. G. Dent, descriptive vocalist; Olly Wilson, the boss of all gagsters; Harry Absiom, negro delineator and plantation dancer; Will Parker, in his comicalities; Mr. W. Burton, Irish comedian; and Dolly and Harry Creig, in their budget of dances. The programme concluded with a laughable farce. Mr. T. Baker acted as stage manager, and Mr. Herbert West accompanied the various musical items.

METHODIST CAMP.

A successful Methodist camp meeting in connection with the forward movement, and under the auspices of the York-street and Balmain missions, was held on Saturday at Middle Head. The steamers Me Mel and Birkenhead left Balmain, calling at the Circular Quay, at intervals during the morning, and conveyed about 1000 persons to the grounds. During the afternoon several religious services were conducted in different parts of the grounds by the Revs. W. G. Taylor, P. J. Stephen, M'Michael, Meeks, and others. The mission bands contributed a number of anthems and sacred songs, and the party returned to town at dusk, after having spent an enjoyable day.

FRIENDLY SOCIETIES DEMONSTRATION.

The second annual demonstration of the Illawarra Amalgamated Friendly Societies took place on Saturday in the New Brighton Pleasure Grounds, Lady Robinson's Beach. A procession, in full regalia, started from the Rockdale Town Hall shortly before 10 o'clock for the grounds, headed by the St. George's Fire Brigade and Oriental Band. The societies taking part were the Hibernians, Independent Order of Oddfellows, Foresters, Grand United Order of Oddfellows, Star of Arncliffe Temperance Society, Rechabites, St. George's and Captain Cook Lodges of the Manchester Unity, and the Protestant Alliance. In all about 200 persons joined in the procession, comprising most of the lodges between the George's and Cook's rivers, making a brave display. To add to the effect the Foresters brought a decorated lorry, and presentments of Robin Hood and Little John. Special interest attached to the demonstration from the fact that the proceeds were to augment the funds of the Illawarra District Cottage Hospital. During the day a large number of visitors attended the ground and found much amusement and entertainment in the programme provided. Dancing was conducted in the commodious pavilion to the music of the Oriental Band, and on the tracks some 15 different sporting events were competed. The sports were directed by Mr. R. Callaway starter, Messrs. A. Reed and F. Fischer judges, and Mr. T. Beavis master of the track. The general arrangements were carried out under the guidance of a committee formed of three delegates from each lodge, Mr. Goode being appointed chairman, and Messrs. Fischer and Goodwin acting as secretaries.

HIBERNIAN SOCIETY PICNIC.

The annual picnic in connection with the Hibernian Australasian Catholic Benefit Society took place on Boxing Day, the rendezvous being Athol Gardens. This Catholic benefit society has now been established 25 years. It was first started in Melbourne, and a couple of years afterwards a branch was opened at Geelong, and then another branch was opened at Albury. Then 20 years ago the Sydney district was formed and it became the central district in Australasia. The society has some 3500 members and there are some 39 branches, 16 of these being in the Sydney district. The amalgamated funds of the society amount to something like £12,500, while the annual income last year was about £3000. The president of the Sydney district is Mr. J. Toohey, while the secretary is Mr. J. R. M'Keown. The picnic on Saturday was a thorough success, some thousands of persons visiting the rustic grounds at Athol Gardens. The gathering was of a most orderly description. From an early hour in the morning until about 3 o'clock in the afternoon six steamers were engaged in conveying the picnickers to the grounds. There was dancing in a large pavilion to the strains of a brass band, and this seemed to be the principal amusement. The national music and dancing of Ireland were supplied, a piper and fiddler discoursing the music. The children, who were admitted to the grounds free, were not forgotten, there being plenty of amusements provided for them. The swings were kept going all the afternoon, and games with the bat and ball were to be seen proceeding in all directions. Many of the visitors strolled into the bush in search of wild flowers and ferns, and their bunches of flowers and ferns which they bore on their return showed that their search had not been in vain. A capital programme of sports was carried out, the events proving quite exciting. These were managed by Mr. M'Donagh, judge; Mr. Hayes, handicapper; Mr. M'Carthy, starter; and Mr. P. O'Loughlan, secretary. The first steamer left the grounds at 4 o'clock, conveying the tired holiday-makers home again, and the last boatload did not reach Circular Quay until after dark.

BONDI AQUARIUM.

The new Bondi Aquarium has had large crowds within its spacious gardens, but never before has it provided amusement for such an attendance as was there on Boxing Day. Mr. Wyburd had certainly spared no expense nor trouble in getting together an all-day programme, consisting of song, rinking, juggling, minstrelsy, conjuring, gymnastics, &c., and he could not complain of the manner in which the public responded. The Britannia Brass Band performed in the gardens during the day at the places where the entertainments were proceeding. Exhibitions on the rink were given by Professor H. J. Wallace (champion skater of America), and Mr. Harry Fairfield walked the tight-rope suspended across the lawn. A troupe of Japanese went through a number of acrobatic performances, and the Fakir of Oolu, the magician, and Mdlle. de la Roche, the suspended lady, gave exhibitions of their trickery and skill on a stage erected on the lawn. The time between the performances was taken in inspecting the latest additions to the aquarium, the seals and sharks; and the switchback railway, camera obscura, and rink were evidently popular. In the new Aquarium Theatre those who took part in the minstrel entertainment and olio were Misses Florrie Wallace, Amy Davis, Ettie Diamond, Florrie Rose, Ruby Warren, and Messrs. Charles Faning, Sam Rowley, George Brailey, Chris. Symes (bones), Tom Sadler, Joe Brailey, Will Connelley, Dick Connelley (tambos), Charles Thompson (interlocutor), and D. W. Howard. The whole concluded with the laughable farce "On Strike, or the Coalheaver's Revenge," in which Charles Faning, Tom Sadler, and Sam Rowley and others appeared. Mr. Wyburd announces an entire change of programme for to-day.

COOGEE AQUARIUM.

Boxing Day was celebrated at the Coogee Aquarium in good old-fashioned style. From early morning till late at night the aquarium was kept open, and amusements were before the visitors all the time. So great was the crowd of patrons that at one period of the afternoon numbers could not find room in the main hall, and were compelled to go on the lawn. Fully 4000 people paid for admission at the turnstiles. During the forenoon there was dancing in the grand balcony, and just before dinner the feeding of the fish, seals, sharks, and birds provided plenty of fun for the children. In the afternoon Wilson and Burton's Southern Cross Variety Company gave a minstrel entertainment in the large hall. Mr. W. H. Burton acted as conversationalist, and the corner-men were Olly Wilson, Harry Absalom, Ted Baker, and Will Parker. The overture, "Wild Roses," was rendered by the company. Mr. G. Dent chose as his piece "Bring back the old folks." "Always take mother's advice," by Miss Flo. Murray, was well received, and an encore was demanded. "Only a little pair of shoes," Miss Pattie Davin's contribution, was heartily applauded. In the olio Miss Pattie Bavin, Harry Absalom, Mr. Geo. Dent, Dolly and Harry Greig, Miss Flo. Murray, and Ted Baker appeared, and made very favourable impressions. At 4.30 p.m. the aeronaut, Chris. Fernandez, made a balloon ascent and parachute descent. While the balloon was being filled with hot air it caught fire, but in spite of this new danger to the feat Fernandez persisted in his attempt. When the word to go was given the balloon shot at once to a height of about 800 feet, and then commenced travelling across country in a south-westerly direction. When over Coogee Hill, the aeronaut detached his parachute from the balloon and alighted. The balloon was picked up at the back of the Randwick racecourse. At night dancing in the main hall was entered into with zest, and it was 11 o'clock before the last hundred people left the building. To-day a monster programme will be presented, and it is the intention of Fernandez to make another ascent.

WATSON'S BAY REGATTA.

Upwards of 2000 persons visited Watson's Bay on Saturday, attracted thither by a regatta programme arranged by some of the residents of the bay. The programme included running, rowing, and sailing events, and was carried out in a way that gave both satisfaction and pleasure. Upon Mr. A. Krone, Mr. Albert Jones, Mr. H. T. Norris, and Mr. George Newton fell the brunt of the work, and these gentlemen were backed up by other members of the general committee. Results are as follow:—

Boys' Race (75 Yards Handicap), 15 years and under.—First prize, £1; second prize, 5s. A. R. Jack, 14 years, 1; A. Kennedy, 15 years, 2.

125 Yards Handicap, residents of Watson's Bay.—First prize, £2; second, 15s; third, 5s. A. Gibson, 1; H. Jack, 2; E. Humphries, 3.

Single Sculling Race.—First prize, £3; second, £1. Residents of Watson's Bay. W. Newton, sen., 1; F. Newton, 2.

Fishing Boats.—First prize, £6; second, £3; third, £1. Admiral (23ft.), sailed by G. Newton, 1; Victor (24ft.), sailed by H. Gonsalves, 2; Hero (23ft.), sailed by H. Mealing, 3.

Double Sculls.—Youths under 21 years. First prize, £2; second, 15s; third, 5s. W. Edwards and P. Humphries, 1; H. Dunn and G. Jenkinson, 2; J. White and Wm. Newton, 3.

Double Sculls.—Youths under 15. First prize, £1; second, 10s; third, 5s. T. Humphries and A. R. Jack, 1; W. Newton and W. Edney, 2; L. Jones and G. Santelle, 3.

Butcher Boats.—First prize, £7 10s; second, £2 10s; "L.," F. T. Newton, G. Love, and F. Newton, 1. Only two crews competed.

First Heat of Flying Squadron Handicap, coloured sails, 20ft. to 28ft.—First prize, £20; second, £7; third, £3. Grace Darling, 20ft., light blue diamond, sailed by A. D. Hanson (time 3½ minutes), 1; Victor, 20ft., black crescent, sailed by G. Holmes (time 2¼ minutes), 2. Second Heat.—Ghost, 24ft., red Maltese cross, sailed by M. Foy (time 2½ minutes), 1; Lilian, 22ft., light green crescent, sailed by T. Leach (time 1½ minute), 2. Final Heat.—Lilian, 1; Victor, 2; Grace Darling, 3. Ghost stood to win the final, but was thrown out of it by the jib carrying away.

PARRAMATTA RIVER EXCURSIONS.

The scenery on the way up the Parramatta River being among the most charming and attractive in Sydney harbour, and as there are many favourite resorts at different points on the river for picnics and family parties, a large number of pleasure-seekers naturally chose this locality as the place in which to spend their holiday. The Parramatta River steamers, which ran at frequent intervals throughout the day, were crowded. About 2000 people availed themselves of the opportunity of a quiet and pleasant trip to the various stopping-places on the river, and fully a thousand more visited Correy's Gardens, where the usual amusements, chiefly dancing, were indulged in. Besides the trips by the regular steamers, there were numerous excursions in yachts and boats of all kinds. Among others who spent a pleasant day on the river were a party of leading Chinese merchants. They hired the steamer Pacific, and went up to Mortlake for lunch. The Imperial Chinese flag, with the figure of the dragon in the centre, was conspicuously flying at the bow of the steamer. An enterprising syndicate has built upon the point which projects into the river, immediately above the Mortlake gasworks, a commodious dancing pavilion, which was open to the public for the first time on Saturday. The building proved to be well designed, especially in regard to lighting and ventilation. When its existence has become more widely known it will no doubt attract considerable numbers of holiday excursionists. On Saturday the building was still in an incomplete condition, and it was probably owing to this fact that the visitors were not very numerous. Shapter's brass band was in attendance, and, despite the fact that the attendance was so small as to have an exceedingly discouraging effect, played a selection of dance music.

MANLY.

An extraordinary number of people visited Manly on Saturday. The Port Jackson Steamship Company's service was taxed to the uttermost, the number of visitors reaching high figures, something like 9000 people being estimated to have travelled in the steamers during the day.

BOTANY.

The Sir Joseph Banks Grounds at Botany on Saturday were visited by crowds of people. The grounds were at their best, and full advantage was taken of the many pleasant spots to form picnic parties. In the pavilion the Alhambra orchestra supplied the music for the dancers.

HARBOUR CONCERTS.

The novel and popular picturesque harbour excursion concerts originated by Mr. Arthur Gordon were well patronised both on the afternoon and evening trips. The steamer Alathea was rendered very attractive by decorations which consisted of flags, bunting, Chinese coloured lanterns, flowers, and tastefully arranged mottoes in commemoration of the festive season. The success of these concerts may be attributed to the fact that visitors have the opportunity of enjoying a pleasant hour's trip on the water combined with a variety entertainment, which is more appreciated during the summer months in the open air than in a crowded music hall. Among the artists who contributed to the amusement of the audience were Messrs. Fred. Dark, Robert Baxter, R. M. Mowbray, and Arthur Gordon, who created considerable laughter by their comic songs and impersonations, and the Misses Alice Taylor and Kate Towers. Mrs. Golding presided at the piano and played several popular selections.

HARBOUR EXCURSIONS.

Special steamers were pressed into service during the holidays just concluded, and further announcements are made to-day of attractions by water to the various seaside resorts. From inquiries made at the different steam ferry companies' offices, it is ascertained that as large a number of passengers were carried this year as upon any occasion in the holiday history of the services. To Manly the ordinary timetable was observed on Christmas Day, but on Saturday five steamers were running as hard as they could go right up to late at night. The same thing occurred at the North Shore Ferry Company's various services—to Neutral Bay, Mosman's, and the Shore, Hunter's Hill and Lane Cove, Corry's Gardens, Mortlake, and the many favourite resorts on the Parramatta drew their thousands of excursionists. Watson's Bay, Clontarf, and Chowder, and the steamers plying to Rose Bay and the charming spots along the southern shore were packed. The lighthouse, the far-famed Gap, and the fortifications drew large numbers.

MARINE EXCURSION TO THE NATIONAL PARK, VIA PORT HACKING.

On Saturday the manager of the Newcastle S. S. Company, taking advantage of the new public wharf recently built at Port Hacking, ran the large paddle steamer Sydney to the national pleasure ground. The Sydney left the Lime-street wharf about 10.30, many excursionists being shut out to prevent overcrowding. The picturesque entrance to the park lands was reached shortly after midday, and notwithstanding that no steamer of such dimensions had ever before floated in the estuary, Captain Anderson had no difficulty in turning the Sydney and in landing his passengers (nearly 500) on the new jetty. The steamer Sydney will make another trip from Lime-street wharf to Port Hacking at 10 a.m. to-day, while the Newcastle (s.) journeys to the site of the Hawkesbury Bridge.

THE OCEAN EXCURSIONS.

The ocean excursions to Broken Bay and the Hawkesbury River have for some time past attracted increasing numbers of supporters on each successive holiday. On Saturday last the number of excursionists who presented themselves for the trip exceeded that on any previous occasion. The magnificent and commodious paddle steamer Newcastle has proved just the very vessel to open up this new holiday trade. The Newcastle has made a name for herself in this way, and her commander—Captain R. J. Skinner—is deservedly popular. On Boxing Day morning the Newcastle started for the Hawkesbury River with just as many of the holiday makers as she could carry. She was followed closely by the steamer Maitland, which was also well crowded. The weather being fine and the sea smooth both vessels made a most enjoyable trip and returned to Sydney shortly after 6 p.m. with their living freights in the best of spirits.

TRAIN TRAFFIC.

The returns of the passenger traffic on the railways on Saturday show a decrease of 3694 as compared with the returns for Boxing Day, 1890. The decrease, the railway authorities point out, may be accounted for by the division of the holiday between Saturday and to-day. The returns are as follows:—Booked and travelled to and from Sydney and within suburban area.—Main Suburban line: 1890, 31,358; 1891, 31,887. Illawarra: 1890, 26,991; 1891, 22,571. Northern: 1890, 4817; 1891, 4338. Western: 1890, 2955; 1891, 3236. Southern: 1890, 1443; 1891, 1748. Total: 1890, 67,474; 1891, 63,780.

TRAM TRAFFIC.

The tram traffic on Saturday was very heavy. Altogether some 200 cars were on the lines, the largest number ever used in the metropolitan district in one day. At 8 a.m. 20 specials were despatched from the yard to the different suburbs, and these ran in conjunction with the ordinary trams up to 10.30 a.m. Botany was given a half-hour service from 10 a.m., while to Coogee and Bondi trams were run every 10 minutes till 4 p.m. Seventy carloads were sent by the ordinary trams to the racecourse and eight carloads by the specials (3s 6d). Up to 3.30 p.m. Bondi had received 106 carloads, Coogee 108 (including 15 carloads via Cleveland-street). Twenty cars full of passengers also chose the Cleveland-street route as the nearest way to the racecourse. No accident of any kind was reported. The rolling-stock was in good order, and the traffic, which was well conducted, was under the supervision of the manager, Mr. Roberts, who was assisted by his foremen, Messrs. Gamgee and Halliday.

THE HOLIDAY IN THE COUNTRY.

[By Telegraph.]
(From our Correspondents.)

BATHURST, Saturday.

Christmas passed over quietly. The weather was beautifully fine. There were no public amusements to-day, but as usual large numbers of people spent their time in picnicking, the trains running east and west being well patronised.

BERRY, Saturday.

Christmas passed off quietly. The usual services were held in the Anglican, Wesleyan, and Catholic churches. To-day was a close holiday, the weather being everything that could be desired for outdoor enjoyment. Hundreds went out picnicking, the majority favouring the seaside.

CAMDEN, Saturday.

A successful picnic and sports were held on Mr. Ferguson's property, close to the town, this afternoon. The town band discoursed music on the occasion. The receipts will go in aid of the R.C. Church. The principal event was won by Martineer, with Graham second, A. Clune third, and C. Campion fourth. A tea meeting and sports were held at Mount Hunter, and were also largely patronised. An entertainment was given to the patients at the Carrington Centennial Convalescent Hospital on Christmas Eve by the hospital staff and local residents. It was a great success and was well appreciated. The town band played sacred tunes at intervals.

CARCOAR, Saturday.

Carcoar Jockey Club annual races were held to-day. The weather was all that could be desired, being fine and accompanied by a cool westerly wind. The track was in fair order, and the sports passed off without accident. The attendance was about 500. Many visitors were present from Orange, Bathurst, Newbridge, and Blayney. The racing was very good. The following were the results:—

Opening Handicap, 1 mile.—Mr. J. Marshall's Rainbow, 6 years, 8st, 1; Mr. D. Mayne's Cardinal, 4 years, 7st 2lb, 2; Mr. P. M'Guiness's Alaska, 4 years, 6st 12lb, 3.

Carcoar Jockey Club Handicap, 1½ mile.—Mr. J. Marshall's Rainbow, 6 years, 7st 11lb, 1; Mr. D. Mayne's Cardinal, 4 years, 6st 13lb, 2; Mr. J. Hunter's Sterling, aged, 7st 4lb, 3.

The other races were well contested. Sports were also held at Mandurama, Forest Reef, and were well attended.

CROOKWELL, Saturday.

The holidays passed off very quietly in Crookwell. There were no public amusements of any kind in town to-day. There were races at Binda, 12 miles distant, and many townspeople went out there. The weather yesterday was most disagreeable. High winds with clouds of dust prevailed during the whole of the day. The temperature was cool, and at night it became quite cold.

GLEN INNES, Saturday.

Christmas Day was very hot, with duststorms, proving one of the most disagreeable days known.

INVERELL, Saturday.

The weather to-day was splendid. The combined bands' sports on the show ground was a great success, several hundred people being on the ground. Glen Innes sent six players, Tingha eight, Bingara two, and Warialda one, the local band contributing 16. The combined bands were under the leadership of Mr. Bofinger, of Inverell. They marched to the ground and played at intervals throughout the day. For the All-comers' Handicap, 150 yards, 20 started. It was run in divisions. It was won by J. Ellis, 20 yards, 1; J. Hanshaw, 22 yards, 2; W. Boggs, 23 yards, 3; T. Hardy, 20 yards, 4. The Bandsmen's race was won by J. M'Shane, of Glen Innes, 1; F. M'Crohon, Tingha, 2; J. Wilson, Inverell, 3. In the Inverell Handicap, 120 yards, J. Stacey, 16 yards, 1; A. Anderson, 16 yards, 2; Laycock, 10 yards, 3. A great attraction was the mounted infantry contests. Private G. White, of Inverell, who distinguished himself at the late Tenterfield tournament, secured the chief prizes for tent-pegging and picking up the lance and peg. A large number of people went out to Long Plain races, the principal event of which was won by M'Kenzie's Bend Or.

KIAMA, Saturday.

Christmas visitors to Kiama this year were not so numerous as on former occasions. Yesterday everything was very quiet and orderly, and most people remained indoors, although the weather was beautiful; but about 7 o'clock in the evening a southerly burster came up, bringing clouds of blinding dust, which was followed by a light fall of rain. To-day the weather was splendid, and there was a general exodus of family gatherings to the different holiday resorts. The only sport in town was a cricket match between the Ashfield and Kiama Cricket Clubs, which resulted in a win for Kiama by a majority of 37 runs.

KATOOMBA, Sunday.

Katoomba has been fairly alive with visitors during the past few days. Every available place was occupied. The rush was larger on this than on any preceding year. The different falls and fern gullies were the principal attractions, though large numbers of people attended the sports which were held yesterday in aid of the local brass band. This was a great success. The weather was exceptionally fine throughout, and enabled holiday-makers to thoroughly enjoy the outing.

His Excellency Sir Henry Norman, Governor of Queensland, with Captain Strachey, aide-de-camp, leave Katoomba to-morrow, going direct to Tasmania. The remainder of the Government House party intend spending about three weeks more on the mountains.

NEWCASTLE, Saturday.

The Christmas holidays passed off very quietly. The principal attraction was the Wallsend races. William Rignold's company at the Victoria Theatre in "Nowadays" had a crowded house, and the steamer Namoi made an excursion to Port Stephens.

PARKES, Saturday.

Christmas passed off nicely pleasant weather. The Christmas carols by the Wesleyan Church choir were well received.

TAMWORTH, Saturday.

Christmas Eve in Tamworth was very lively. The main street was thronged with a crowd of people until a late hour. Business was very brisk. On Christmas Day all the churches were attended by large congregations. It was very hot, but on Boxing Day the weather was more temperate. A great number of people were present at the racecourse, where the Jockey Club successfully carried out a one day's programme. St. Elmo won the chief event, and Miss Godiva and Slowboy won several of the other events. Pedestrian sports held on the oval to-night were largely attended.

TERARA, Sunday.

The pony race meeting at Greenwell Point yesterday was attended by thousands of persons. The racing was fair. The principal handicap was won by Mr. Hart's mare Nightshade.

WAGGA WAGGA, Saturday.

Fine weather prevailed here during the holidays. No sports were held in the town, and a number of small race meetings were held in various parts of the district on Boxing Day. Races took place at Green's Gunyah, Broken Dam, and elsewhere.

KENSINGTON.

To Those About to Build.—Do not lose the opportunity to inspect the Kensington Freehold Estate, which adjoins the Centennial Park and Moore Park, and you will there find the best and cheapest building land in the market. Fine avenues and streets, and extensive drainage works, and other improvements are now being carried out. This is the first instance where such municipal improvements as these have been carried out on any estate in the Australian Colonies. Plans and particulars from Brodie and Watkin, 109 Pitt-street, or upon the estate each afternoon.—[Advt.]

Dr. De Jongh's Light Brown Cod Liver Oil.—"With strumous and emaciated subjects, and where the general health is impaired," observes Sir Henry Marsh, Bart., M.D., physician to the Queen in Ireland, "the reviving and reanimating effects of a regular daily course of this animal oil are highly satisfactory. Its favourable action on the system is renovating. It checks progressive emaciation, restores the yielding health, rebuilds, as it were, the tottering frame, and brings about a most remarkable and salutary change in all the vital functions." Sold only in capsuled imperial half-pints, pints, and quarts, by all chemists. Sole consignees, Ansar, Harford, and Co., 210 High Holborn, London. Agents at Sydney, Elliott Brothers.—[Advt.]

Ayer's Hair Vigour improves the beauty of the hair and promotes its growth. It prevents dandruff, cleanses the scalp, and restores natural colour to grey hair. Have you received Ayer's Almanac for the new year?—[Advt.]

THE EARLY CLOSING BILL.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—I firmly believe that I only express a feeling common with that felt by the majority of those readers who may have during the past fortnight perused the many letters which have appeared in the columns of your journal—re the above—when I say that the trademark self is indelibly affixed to the major portion of such effusions.

But be that as it may, he would indeed be a narrow-minded critic who would blame any employer for combating what he considers to be an infringement of his prerogative the right to close his shop when and at what hour he pleases. I am, therefore, not going to find fault with any man or combination of men for championing their own cause, providing they will do so in an honourable manner. That they have not done so, that they have resorted to a very (to say the least) questionable way of setting the "ball a-rolling" to try and gain a certain percentage of public sympathy and support, must be patent to all who reads what follows further on. In the meantime I defy anyone to prove by sound argument that the populace will be seriously inconvenienced by the early closing of shops. The inexorable logic of facts is against any such theory. The very fact of the public mind not being thrown into a state of agitation at the thought of such a measure being placed on the statute book of the colony, and it passing through all its stages so easily in the Legislative Assembly must dismiss any thoughts in the direction indicated above. All can see in what direction public feeling on this question is bent. From north to south, from one end of this province to the other, this much required Act has been hailed with satisfaction by all classes, irrespective of their social position. How discordant then must be the lamentation, how wolf-like the sound of what I must term—not forgetting what is yet to follow—that insignificant and selfish minority whose voices mingle together with the one object, viz., urging the Upper House to throw out the bill now in their possession, and thus allow young men and maidens to revel still a little longer in the luxury of close confinement. How sadly interesting to read one portion of the arguments why this outrageous (?) bill should not receive the sanction of the Legislative Council; how amusing the other. The committee from which the many letters emanate, and it is for this reason I consider them worthy of censure, would have the populace believe that they do not for one moment consider themselves. Oh, dear, no! It is simply consideration for the poor lone widow, whose only chance to make ends meet, we are told, is by retailing buttons, &c., when other tradesmen have taken in their wares and closed their windows for the evening. Again we are informed on the strength of individual belief that early closing means in short "centralisation." Many will question the soundness of both these foregoing reasons, and even if there was any force in either one allegation or the other, it would not be of sufficient importance to allow the iron rule of a few masters to prevail to the detriment of the many. It may not be out of place at this stage to state how "the ball was set a-rolling," how the agitation against this much-need reform was first aroused. On Friday morning, the 18th instant, an advertisement calling a meeting of employers appeared in the daily press. In response many on the same evening wended their way in the direction of the Temperance Hall to take part in the proceedings. Some 30 gained admission. The majority were disappointed owing to the vigilance displayed by a short but active doorkeeper. The convenors, evidently feeling alarmed at the weakness of the cause, and probably fearing that amendments would be carried on any resolutions they might submit to the assemblage, took the precaution of placing a sentry on guard. The gentleman occupying this position greeted each applicant for entrance as follows:—"I beg your pardon, sir, are you a shopkeeper?" If to his inquiry he received an answer in the affirmative, it was followed by another, "Are you in favour of or opposed to the Early Closing Bill?" If to this question the answer returned was satisfactory a still further test was applied, "Will you then kindly sign this paper, and are you prepared to pay 2s 6d?" said the guardian, "if so you may enter, if not I must request you to retire." What words could in any way express the disgust of many bona-fide storekeepers as they turned away after being subjected to the above cross-examination. What must have been the feelings of those who by chance managed to obtain a glimpse into the interior of the hall to see that hole-and-corner meeting of noble-minded men, presided over by one who has publicly preached the Gospel of Christ, and in so doing urged upon his hearers to so live that they might eventually find rest for their souls? I am afraid that such a disciple of the greatest social reformer that ever trod earth would, if he had his own way, curtail the rest of the bodies containing the souls he is so anxious about, and make many mortals desirous to embrace that state whereby "the weary are at rest." But I am digressing. Was their object in meeting together a just one? Was it other than an evident desire to perpetuate low wages and white slavery? If so, why were they frightened of sober-minded, common-sense criticism? It may reasonably be asked, Where was the widow for whom they express such unselfish consideration? Was the 2s 6d entrance fee to their deliberations demanded not for the purpose of keeping shopkeepers out who are in favour of early closing, but so that they might do her "good by stealth," knowing that many had not the needful. One might have been led to take this charitable view of the case, only that the other cry "centralisation" was too transparent, for there the George-street contingent was to be observed in close communion with those hailing from Paddington and distant Burwood. It might afford some little consolation to Mr. Alfred Allen, who introduced this bill, to know that while so far he has had many ungenerous things said of him, and has had a few hard knocks from a few shopkeepers for his untiring efforts in the direction of obtaining more leisure for shop employees, yet he may find the angry pens of to-day in a week or so wielded in his praises. For as a matter of fact, a few who graced the meeting by their presence signed a petition in favour of early closing being made law a few weeks earlier. I should like at this juncture to ask any one of the long hours committee this question—Suppose all employers were as avaricious for pelf as they themselves appear to be, and consequently decided to keep open their establishments till 9 o'clock p.m.—as all would then be in the same position as they will be should Mr. Allen's bill receive the sanction of the nominee Chamber—would they, under such circumstances, notwithstanding the lateness of the hour (9 o'clock), still require to keep their shops open a few hours longer to earn a livelihood? It is to be presumed they would, and it behoves, it is the bounden duty of, all who have a respect for their neighbour and a desire to benefit posterity to work energetically and make this bill law. Just for one moment let us pause and contemplate what the life of a shop employee would be if it were not for the generosity of some employers who voluntarily close their establishments at 6 o'clock. Has all said and penned upon the evil effects which long hours of incessant toil has upon the constitutions of its victims been mere cant and hypocrisy? If it be genuine, if there be the slightest regard for those who are powerless to defend themselves—e.g., the weaker sex, and who are the greatest sufferers as regards long hours, many being comparative strangers "to fireside happiness and hours of ease"—then every nerve of humanity should thrill with an impatient desire to see the hours of labour regulated. What is life if debarred of liberty? How many even of the sterner sex are to-day prevented—by the length of time they are forced to work—from enjoying the companionship of those near and dear to them? Moral suasion has been proved, after many attempts, to be a failure, and cannot remedy the evil now complained of. The better nature of mankind has been appealed to in vain. All who wish to see a new life open to the poor white slaves, male and female alike, in many instances kept to work till long after 10 o'clock p.m., generally in an atmosphere heavy and pungent with the fumes of gas, victims by necessity to masters who, if they measured their wares as they do their employees' hours, would have to replenish their stocks at shorter intervals of time than at present, must acknowledge that the only remedy is an Act of Parliament. Let everyone, then, try and assist the passing of the Early Closing Bill; by so doing, they will be making life a little more enjoyable, and at the same time help to raise the social standard of mankind. Constant change is required. Those who are content to allow things to remain as they are must be reckoned as the foes of liberty. They who demand change are the foes of slavery and the champions of progress. I am, &c.,

JOHN T. GANNON,
President Shop Employees' Union.

December 26.

BOATING ACCIDENT AT TERARA.

[By Telegraph.]
(From our Correspondent.)

TERARA, Sunday.

A sad boating fatality occurred at 5 o'clock last night. William Griffiths, William Bailey, Robert M'Lean, Robert Isbester, and an elderly man named Rogers were returning in a sailing boat from the Shoalhaven Heads to Nowra, and when opposite Quilkey's Island, at Numba, the boat capsized through some mismanagement. M'Lean and Rogers were unable to swim, and were drowned. The rest of the party succeeded in swimming ashore. M'Lean, who was much respected, was aged 20, and the son of Peter M'Lean, of Nowra, an old resident. Rogers was a resident of some years. The latter's body was recovered soon after the accident. M'Lean's body has not yet been found.

Lincoln Cathedral.—Which is the finest of English Cathedrals? Some people would say York, because of its size, its simple dignity, and its glass; others Canterbury, because of its ornate magnificence; some Norwich, and some Salisbury. In the *Builder* this month Precentor Venables describes Lincoln, and says, "If the cathedrals of England were to go forth, like the trees in Jotham's parable, to choose them a queen, the choice would be likely to fall on Lincoln."

An American (says a writer in the *Literary World*) crossed the herring pond this summer with an offer of £1000 to secure the briefest possible magazine article from the Princess of Wales, but failed even to see her Royal Highness. Another New York man travelled to London with a promise of £500 if he could secure a page interview with the Prince of Wales. A third was told off to reach the Empress Eugénie, and a fourth is said to be still in London vainly trying to reach the Princess Beatrice.

New shipments of Electroplate, latest English patterns, for Christmas. Dahms and Co., jewellers, 168 Pitt-street, opposite Hordern Bros.—[Advt.]

Ladies! Have your old jewellery modernised to perfection by DAHMS and CO., 168 Pitt-street, opp. Hordern Bros'.—[Advt.]

To Darken Grey Hair.—Lockyer's Sulphur Hair Restorer is the quickest, best, safest, and cheapest. Large bottles, 1s 6d. Everywhere.—[Advt.]

Rose's Lime Juice Cordial.—Pure, medicinal, and refreshing. At all grocers, wine merchants, chemists.—[Advt.]

ELECTRICAL STORAGE.

(From the Times.)

The question of successful commercial electrical distribution involves many important points, but next to efficient current-producing power there is, perhaps, not one of higher importance than efficient storage of the current produced. Attention has, therefore, from the first been carefully given to accumulators in which to store the electric current for use as required, just in the same way as gas is stored in a gasholder for distribution to consumers. The result has been the invention of many variously constructed accumulators, some of which have never survived experiment, while others have lived to do useful work. Among the latter is one which has been quietly making its way in Paris for the past three years, until, owing to its inherent high qualities, it has taken the lead in that city, where it is now in use storing the electric current for about 70,000 lamps. It may be inferred that to do this it exceeds in efficiency all other known batteries. Having recently had the opportunity of inspecting the manufacture and use of these accumulators, we are able to state that it does so, and that it is a marked advance in this class of apparatus. The manufacture is carried on by the Société Anonyme pour le Travail Electrique des Métaux, at their works at St. Ouen, near Paris, where the present output of plates is at the rate of five tons per day. The capacity of the works, however, is a production of 10 tons per day. In these accumulators the main objects sought are to increase both the working capacity and the durability, without increasing either their weight or cost. To this end the plates are made of a grid pattern, the square holes being filled in with lead having a very high degree of purity and porosity, which is the secret of the great efficiency attained. Considerable ingenuity has been exercised in working out the details of production, as will be seen from a description of the manufacture of these plates.

In the first place, chloride of lead and chloride of zinc are melted together, and the fused salts are moulded in cakes about 2in. square and of a thickness varying with the nature of the work they will ultimately have to perform. The cakes are formed with cross grooves on both sides and a small hole through the centre. When the cakes are cool they are removed from the moulds and laid in batches between perforated iron plates and placed in a bath of hydrochloric acid, where they remain for 15 days. The effect of this is to dissolve out the chloride of zinc, the cakes being afterwards dried in an oven. They are then placed in moulds of various sizes according to requirement, and molten lead is poured in. This forms a framing around each square and around the whole group, the lead running also into the grooves formed on the faces of the squares and through the small hole, a complete self-contained plate being thus produced. After the plates have been trimmed up they are placed, with zinc plates between them, in a solution of chloride of zinc. This has the effect of reducing the chloride of lead squares to pure porous metallic lead. Traces of chloride of zinc, however, still remain in the pores of the lead, and these are removed by immersing the plates for a given time in dilute hydrochloric acid. They are afterwards washed several times in pure water and acidulated water alternately, and are finally placed for a time in a running stream of pure water.

The processes of reduction and cleansing are now completed, and the squares have assumed the required condition of pure porous lead. An examination of the interior of one of these squares shows the pores to be of a regular and uniform structure, their direction being at right angles to the plane of the plate. The plates thus produced are cathodes or negatives, and some, of course, have to be converted into anodes or positives. To effect this change, those to be converted are placed, with lead plates between them, in a bath of acidulated water, and a current of electricity is passed through. When rendered positive they are made up with negative plates into cells of any required size, which are tested before being sent out for use. The efficiency of these cells is very high, owing to the extreme porosity and purity of the lead squares. It is found that, weight for weight, they possess, it is claimed, four times the capacity of any other known accumulator, with a greatly increased durability. The ordinary plates made by the Société have a capacity of 10 ampère hours per kilo of lead plates in the accumulator. They, however, produce other plates, which are specially made for traction purposes, and which possess the exceedingly high capacity of 19 ampère hours per kilo. Another remarkable feature of these accumulators is the very high rate at which they can be charged and discharged, maintaining, at the same time, an efficiency in excess of anything hitherto attained. An example of this is afforded by the installation at the Hôtel Continental, which we inspected. In this instance there is a 110-volt battery arranged in 55 half-ton cells, the output of the battery in ordinary working amounting to 600 ampères. It is stated, however, that on an emergency this battery has been found capable not only of discharging at twice that rate, or 1200 ampères, but of doing so without any appreciable fall in the voltage and without any detriment to the plates.

The largest installation in connection with which these accumulators are used in Paris is that of M. Popp, in which case about 25,000 lamps of 16-candle power each are taking their current from them. There are no fewer than 16 separate Popp distributing stations fitted with these accumulators, which are all charged from one central generating station. The engines and dynamos at this latter station used for charging the batteries cease running at about 4 p.m. daily, the batteries carrying the entire load from that hour until the next morning. We were shown one of the distributing stations, that in the Rue Cambon, from which about 1500 lamps were being supplied with the current. Besides being in use for the supply of some 70,000 lamps in Paris, these accumulators have been adopted in the navy by the French Government after severe tests. The high efficiency and great durability claimed for these accumulators is apparent after an inspection of their manufacture, and with a knowledge of the results of their practical use. The efficiency is attained by the great porosity of, and, therefore, large superficial area presented by, the lead, while great durability results from the special method of manufacture. It would seem that these accumulators constitute the most important advance yet made in this department of electrical practice.

POSTAL HOLIDAYS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—It is a matter that should cause general satisfaction that the postal authorities have decided to despatch the mails on Monday, as on ordinary days, despite the proclaiming thereof as a general holiday. It would be better still if it were arranged to have the usual deliveries by the letter-carriers, instead of stopping all save one, and closing the delivery-room. I would go further, and urge that no interruption of the postal service should be allowed even on such a day as Boxing Day—indeed, that there is no day in the whole year when the public convenience of the majority so much demands that it should be in full operation. It is not that I deem the postal officers undeserving of holidays—on the contrary I think no class of public servants merits them so much—but that holidays should be given when least (not most) likely to inconvenience the masses. It would be no hardship to those concerned if the persons accepting employment in the postal service were given to understand that their holidays must be taken at other than the days proclaimed as general holidays, and this course is the only one that consorts with the general welfare. This principle is already recognised and acted upon in other departments of the public service.

What would be thought if the railway and tramway officials expected liberty and leisure on a great public holiday such as Boxing Day, Easter Monday, Eight-hour Day, &c., or if the authorities announced that only the early-morning trains and trams would be run? No; on the contrary it is rightly recognised that it is on such days that the public most want to travel, and that consequently it is just then that the employees should least expect relief from work, their holidays being necessarily granted at other times when the public convenience will not suffer. In like manner it may be urged, with equal force, that there is no day more than Boxing Day when the convenience of the majority demands the full activity of the postal service, and yet at this busiest season of postal work the public service is reduced, almost to extinction, for more than half a week, namely—from Thursday evening to Tuesday morning. This should not be.

It may be mere sentimentalism that prompts us to like our Christmas cards and letters delivered at the proper season and not several days behind time; but the liking is universal and demands satisfaction as fully as our more prosaic needs. It would even be advantageous for the postal officers themselves if they were granted full holidays at other times, to compensate them for full work on such occasions as I have instanced; for, after all, there is just enough work going on in connection with the post-office to spoil the present holidays nominally conceded to them, so that they do not get full benefit, while the public yet has to suffer the maximum of inconvenience. The principle that the needs of the majority should rule the minority is as applicable to the postal service as to the railways and tramways, &c., and a wise administration of the Post Office Department would recognise and act upon this in the future.

December 24. I am, &c., PUBLICUS.

MR. O'SULLIVAN AND PROTECTION.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—Every week as it passes shows us that Mr. O'Sullivan is either wavering between protection and freetrade, or that he is drawing closer to the latter. In your Thursday's issue he has a letter trying to justify his action in trying to get certain articles on the free list. I, as a freetrader, am glad to see what he is doing, and only wish that he may go very considerably further, and I am satisfied, if he will, he will have the support of the Opposition. My reason for writing, however, is to show the inconsistency of Mr. O'Sullivan's reasoning. Allow that he is right in the patented machinery, where does his argument come in, in the matter of "tapioca, starch, and blue" for instance. These are all articles that are manufactured and not grown. What is the difference between maizena, arrowroot, and jam, and the three articles named by him? If starch can be made from the potatoes grown in the colony, and jam from the fruits grown here, why should the one be admitted free, and the other have 2d per lb. duty imposed? If that does not show glaring inconsistency on Mr. O'Sullivan's part, I don't know what does. However, I don't wish Mr. O'S. to think I write thus to put him off his intention. I only trust he will carry it out, and go further, in putting many other articles on the free list: and if he will, I am perfectly satisfied he will have the support of the full Opposition. I am, &c.,

December 25. WILLIAM AFFLECK.

In addressing his students at Vienna, Professor Billroth assured them that a bullet from a Mannlicher rifle goes through a brick wall at a distance of from 500 to 600 paces, or through three or four men standing behind each other.

GAMBLING IN LIVES.

It is the fashion (writes an English paper) to say that the wage-earning classes of this country are unthrifty, that they seldom think either of laying by for a rainy day, or providing for the future of those who are dependent on them. As touching only too many of our people, this is undoubtedly true; but a considerable proportion of them—the manufacturing population of the North of England—are probably more thrifty than any similar class in Europe or America. The savings of factory and other operatives in Lancashire and Yorkshire, and contiguous counties, invested in savings banks, co-operative building and benefit societies, amount to many millions, and life assurance is so much in favour that, as recently mentioned in these columns, it is hard to find a fairly steady workman whose life is uninsured. The towns swarm with men who give all their time to soliciting business and collecting premiums; and there is scarcely a village without at least one agent. So great is the competition, indeed, that it has given rise to a ghastly and demoralising system of speculation known as "gambling in lives." It is obvious that when the amounts assured are as low as £6, companies which cultivate industrial business cannot be very choice either as to the selection of lives or the moral qualities of their canvassing agents. Even though the commission be large—20 per cent., for instance—it amounts to very little on a premium of half a crown a week; and to make a fair salary, a man must work heroically hard, walk long distances in all sorts of weather, make many calls, and undergo an infinitude of humiliation and worry. For, be it remembered, his commissions are reckoned only on the premiums which he himself collects, and he has to compete with rivals who will compass heaven and earth to secure one proposal. Quality is a matter of indifference to him; he goes in for quantity. Small wonder, then, that when a canvassing agent with few scruples comes across a bad life, and cannot induce its owner to make a proposal, he should enter into league with a speculator, the more especially as, for amounts under £50, most offices dispense with medical examinations. But even when an examination is insisted upon, it must be a very bad life which cannot be so "dressed up" (the current phrase) as to "pass the doctor;" and if the nominal proposer happens to be suffering from delirium tremens or an incurable disease, nothing is easier than to provide a substitute. There are miscreants everywhere who, for the "price of a pint," will call themselves by any name under the sun; and the examining surgeon has no means of knowing that the man introduced to him as "Thomas Grimshaw, power-loom overlooker," is a loafing scoundrel called Bill Sykes, "dressed up" for the occasion. At St. Helen's, "gassed lives" are said to be greatly in request for insurance purposes. A "gassed life" is a man who has doomed himself to speedy death by breathing poisonous fumes in some alkali-works. In places where lives of this sort are not obtainable, the best subjects are confirmed sots, or people likely to die, who can neither read nor write: sots, because they are not likely to live long, and will generally sign anything for drink; the others, because they have to sign with a mark, and anybody can make a mark. It has happened for a man's life to be assured without his knowledge, albeit he has signed a declaration in due form, given references, and acknowledged receipt of his policy. But illiterates afflicted with mortal disease, though much sought, are not easily found nowadays; and the commoner course is to pay for drinks and get your man to sign a "bit o' papper" in his cups. Proposals signed with an "X" are beginning to be regarded with suspicion.

The principal obstacle in the way of the enterprising gambler in lives is the Act of George III., whereby "wagering" life-policies are made void—an obstacle, however, more apparent than real, and easily surmounted by ingenious rogues. It may be assumed that the policy is always taken out (nominally) either by the ostensible proposer in his own name, or by some member of his family having what the law calls an "insurable interest" in his life. This done, the speculator (who, of course, pays the premiums) makes the insured a loan, or a series of loans (generally spent in drink), and takes an assignment of the policy as security for an advance which nominally far exceeds the sum actually paid, or buys the policy out-and-out, or gets the assured to make a will in his favour. These operations are greatly facilitated by the rule of certain offices dispensing with medical examinations for £50 policies. True, £50 is not a large sum, but 10 such amounts make a nice penny; and when a "life" can "pass the doctor," there is no limit to the figure for which it may be assured.

In the course of a trial at the last Manchester Assizes—Greenwood and another v. the Scottish Temperance Life Assurance Company—it came out that the life of John Singleton, ostler at the Wheatsheaf Inn, Blackburn, had been insured with divers companies at various times for a sum-total of £1700, that he held none of the policies, and had paid none of the premiums. In this case, one of the plaintiffs sued as Singleton's executor, the other (a woman) as his legatee, for £200 under a policy of insurance granted by the defendant company. The male plaintiff admitted that he held half a dozen or more policies on Singleton's life, assigned to him for money lent, and that some of the offices concerned had paid, while with others he had thought it expedient to compromise. The defendant company resisted the claim, on the ground that the policy in question was a gambling policy, and that in the declaration made by the deceased were several untrue statements. When these facts were disclosed, and the principal plaintiff had been examined, his counsel threw up his brief, and the Judge directed the jury to give their verdict for the defendants.

Three similar cases have been tried during the past month, one in the Blackburn County Court, the others in the Bolton Borough Police Court. In one instance the gambler was the insured person's son, and the amount involved was so small that the defendant company probably resisted the claim solely on principle, for whatever might be the issue, they could not hope to gain anything. The remarkable facts of the case were, that the plaintiff and his wife distinctly stated that though they had paid premiums, they had neither made a proposal nor signed a declaration; that from the time the insurance was effected to the time of his death, the deceased was an inmate of the workhouse infirmary, suffering from chronic rheumatism of the worst kind; and that the defendant's counsel said he had evidence to show that a man was produced to the agent for insurance "who was not the insured at all." The Judge held that there was no insurable interest, and on this ground alone (without going into the question of personation) gave a verdict for the defendant company.

In one of the Bolton cases, an innkeeper sued an insurance company under a policy which he had effected on the life of a man described as a "hanger-on at his premises," and whom, as he contended, he had kept, thereby acquiring an insurable interest in the insured person's life. But as the innkeeper failed to satisfy the Court on this point, and it appeared that the deceased came out of the workhouse to be insured, returned thither straightway, and presently died of pneumonia, the magistrates, although they considered that the action of the agent "had not been satisfactory," decided against the claimant.

The third case (tried at Bolton) was an action brought by executors against an assurance company, under a policy taken out by the insured man's brother without the former's knowledge, a fact of which the agent, as he himself admitted, was fully aware. The defendant company opposed the claim, on the plea that there was no insurable interest; they also contended that the policy was vitiated by misrepresentation and concealment, and that, as was proved by the deceased's own doctor, the former had for many years been of intemperate habits, and died of delirium tremens. Nevertheless, the Court decided against the defendants. For this judgment they gave no reasons, or rather, none are given in the account from which we quote. But their reasons are easily surmised. The agent (who said he had known the deceased ten years) was the moving spirit in getting the insurance effected, and according to his testimony, the amount originally insured was increased at the instance of the company's inspector and superintendent without medical inspection. If these people, the agent especially, did not know that the deceased was a man of intemperate habits, they ought to have known, and, by the simple expedient of applying to his doctor, might have known. Principals are responsible for the acts of their agents, and the magistrates probably thought that if a company knowingly insures the life of a drunkard, it ought not to be allowed to get rid of its liability by pleading that he took too much to drink.

Of all forms of gambling, gambling in lives is probably the most sordid and demoralising. It is not enough to declare wagering policies void; gambling in lives should be made a penal offence. But the root of the evil lies in the insensate competition of assurance companies for new business, and the practice of exempting small insurers from medical examination, a system which, besides facilitating fraud, is eminently unfair to honest and healthy insurers. For it is evident that, in order to cover the extra risk thus incurred, and provide for their heavy expenditure in advertising and commission, companies must load their premiums out of all reason, or make large profits by lapsed policies.

It is, however, proverbially much easier to denounce an abuse than to find a remedy. The Government are unable to compete with the companies, partly because the premiums on Government policies are invested at a low rate of interest, mainly because Government neither canvasses nor advertises. But why should not the co-operative societies take the matter up? They have an organisation ready to their hand. There is hardly a village in the manufacturing districts without its co-operative store. Their members belong almost exclusively to the industrial class, and their agents and managers have facilities for obtaining information as to the habits and antecedents of potential insurers which no ordinary life office can command. They know how to use money to good advantage; they have shown themselves to be able administrators, and as members would be their own canvassers they would need neither to advertise lavishly nor pay heavy commissions. They could thus afford to work at lower premiums than the offices, and if they employed a first-rate actuary and rewarded him according to his deserts, they could hardly fail to make as great a success of co-operative life assurance as they have made of co-operative distribution.

That the late Prince Lucien Bonaparte, writes the *World*, was a cultured philologist seems universally admitted by admirers as well as denigrant critics; but his great specialty was his knowledge of the Basque tongue, said to be older than Phœnician, or those early languages a dissertation on which forms such an interesting episode in Herodotus's travels and travellers' tales. It may not be generally known that Lord Howth has spent some years in mastering the Béarnais tongue, and that he is probably the only peer of England who could "discoorse" the peasants of the Pyrenees in their native language.

A curious exhibition will shortly be opened in Paris at the National Deaf and Dumb Institute. It will consist of old and modern examples of works of sculpture, paintings, engravings, and drawings by deaf and dumb artists. Pupils of the institute who attend the drawing and modelling classes will have a section of their own.

ARTIST LIFE IN PARIS.

(From St. James's Gazette.)

It is like art life nowhere else: not like that of Munich, nor Rome, nor London, nor Vienna, nor any other. There is only one Paris; there is only one spirit of Paris. The holder of the Prix de Rome may carry it with him to the Eternal City; the student from South Kensington may find it battling with the conventional placidity of English training; the Russian may bear it about with him, knowing not where the Slav in him begins and the French ends; the French-Canadian, his days of ardent labour done in Montmartre or Montparnasse, may triumphantly and devotedly conjure by its sacred name in Montreal; the Pole may swear by it, and the German profane it; the Australian and American learn of it and forget all other, and travel with it, however far away; but the spirit of French art, cosmopolitan though it is, has its Olympus in the precincts of the Panthéon, or on those heights "where rebel cannon bellowed down Montmartre." There it rules, and all that is round it is part of it—helps to make it what it is by tradition, by habit, by social freedom, simplicity, and naiveté. It is of itself; it is sufficient for itself; it does not care what the Champs Elysées thinks; its laws are not the laws of the *haute noblesse*; it does not desire *bourgeois* patronage; it does not seek to sit at rich men's tables; it makes no concessions to suburban prudery; it says, "See life frankly, paint it honestly, look at it with your own eyes, be naive—before all, be naive!"

It is strange: Parisians (a few) come to South Kensington and remain French; Englishmen go to Paris and become Parisian in all that concerns art. No Englishman retains his English eyes in Parisian studios; the Australian and the Canadian, like the two lovers in the Tempest, "changed eyes" with the spirit of French art at the hour of their meeting. The verve of the life of new and pleasant lands is not so distant from the verve of *insouciant*, delightful Paris. Climate—the vivacity of ample sunshine—has given a kindred temper to the Antipodean and American; they may be provincial, but they are not insular; they are facile and adaptable; they soon catch the manner and feeling of French art; they soon also catch its mannerisms, and that occasional license which men sometimes call freedom—which in France is, by the law of proportion, endurable; in England odious. One would not call the art life of Paris Bohemian. It is not a protest, not a variation, not a caste; it is a scheme. It is neither high nor low; it is a commonwealth, an empire; its people regard it as divine, its foes as of Belial; it is unconquerable. You feel that when you see it in the Chat Noir at Montmartre, where it drinks bock with Literature; you are conscious of it in the humble Prado at Montparnasse, where Falguière, Gervex, Colin, or Bouguereau drains beakers with the student from some forlorn atelier which is entresol, studio, kitchen, and reception-room all in one; you observe it in Julian's, in Delecluse's, in Colarossi's studios; at the Beaux Arts; at the Old and the New Salons; at the Louvre, and the Luxembourg. It is at once an empire and a republic. The great artist is a brother to the starved and ragged youth who, loathing pot-boilers, struggles to paint a masterpiece, starves that he may pay a model, and is filled with divine ambition when he should be filled with pâtés or haricots and good Burgundy. The great painter in Paris worships art; the student, rich or poor, adores it; the grisette respects it; the colour-seller apostrophises it; the café-keeper has reverence for it; the model is its champion, lives in it, works for it, and often, for pity of some poor devil of a fellow, gives him sittings free; even the wanton kneels to it; and the hotelkeeper begs from his student guests sketches for his walls, giving often enough in return much more than their value in food and drink. Turn down a sordid street near the Panthéon, venture inside some reeking café: you will see the records of wild nights in masterly drawings, the price of some wretch's absinthe—a wretch who went singing home to bed, and dreamed of fame and honour in art: these before all. If the time came that he got them, *bien!* he was just the same; he lived perhaps in the Rue Notre Dame des Champs, perhaps in the Boulevard St. Michel; he did not seek the Avenue Friedland or the Boulevard de Courcelles. If he did not get them, perhaps he paints Elsewhere, having had a fifth class funeral and receiving honour at the last—since every Frenchman lifts his hat when a vanquished mortal passes to his Invalides in the Cimetière de Montparnasse.

It is the reality of French art life that makes devotees. It has its lovers, like women—lovers who are fonder than any man of any woman. Go to Boulevard Edgar Quinet, to Rue de la Grande Chaumière, to all those thousand streets in the Latin Quarter, and at Montmartre; knock at the doors of those numberless studios; enter upon the labours of the student back from Colarossi's or the Beaux Arts, his day's work done there—upon the work of such an one as Gérôme Courtois, Laurens, or Constant—and tell us what you see: Love of the Thing itself; art for art's sake (hackneyed, but true, term!); obedience to the command that rings in every studio—Be naive! That this is sometimes misinterpreted is not the fault of the sage, but of the disciple; even as the abuse of students' joys is not the fault of art, but of the foolish head that fuddles in the trough, instead of sipping and passing on, or passing on without sipping. Because the "Ca Ira" and the "Carmagnole" were once sung, and are still sung in boisterous political times, it does not follow that all who go to the cafés sing them; because a hundred students dance outside the Café Robinet or before the Sorbonne, it need not be concluded that the other 9900 students and artists of Paris are at the same tricks, and if they were the deed is not beyond pardon. The truth is, art in Paris is its own salvation. The Bulliers in the Boulevard St. Michel and the Elysée Montmartre, with their *cancan* and *chahut* (not of the old vile stamp) cannot overcome the saving power of the ambition and devotion of Parisian students.

The chansons and monologues which one hears in the streets of the Latin Quarter and Montmartre are not always edifying; but neither are they always edifying which resound through Seven Dials. The palm for brutality must, however, be given to the French. One cannot conceive of anything more "blue" than "A la Roquette," "Marche des Dos," "V'là l'Cholera Qu' Arrive," and "A Montrouge;" but they are not the songs that the students sing. Their songs are nearer in temper to that superb thing of Béranger's, "Le Grenier," one verse of which may be quoted to serve a further purpose:—

> Lisette ici doit surtout apparaître,
> Vive folie avec un frais chapeau;
> Déjà sa main à l'étroite fenêtre
> Suspend son schal, en guise de rideau;
>
> Sa robe aussi va parer ma couchette—
> Respecte amour ses plis longs et flottans;
> J'ai su depuis qui payait sa toilette;
> Dans un grenier qu'on est bien à vingt ans.

In these lines Béranger has romantically put the history of the grisette as she was in past days. She still lives; she still plays a part in the life of the art student; but her days of empire are faded, almost vanished. She is no longer an institution. She exists, but she is not a race; she is an incident. The model is a race; and there is that other being the front of whose habitation is of the colour of slaughter, who also is of a multitudinous tribe; but the gay, light, devoted, companion of the artist has fallen into the sag of time; and the troublesome and ambitious *ouvrier* of this later day strives to take her place. But she is not yet a race; she is an opportunity. In passing through the various phases of art life in Paris, whether at Marie Bashkirtseff's tomb, in Bouguereau's or Constant's or Courtois's studios, at the School Beaux Arts, at Julien's schools, or in those places where artists recreate themselves, one cannot but feel that this art were only possible where *naiveté* is dominant. Frankness makes the beauties of Parisian art life strong and full of character; it renders the perils less powerful. Beauty is made noble, and Temptation but peeps at what it would. "In art look not askance," said a Parisian professor the other day; "look not askance; look at the heaven, the earth, and all therein with the whole eye."

Idleness is not one of the vices of an artist or art student in Paris. If he is in the movement, he must work; if not, he knows it is time for him to die; and there is absinthe and the Seine to his hand. The art student at Colarossi's in Rue de la Grande Chaumiere, at the Académie Delécluse in the Rue Notre Dame des Champs, or at one of Julien's many schools, works laboriously—how laboriously Marie Bashkirtseff too morbidly, too feverishly, set forth; but that they work hard more than she bear witness. They are at their easels for four hours in the morning, and sometimes for three or fours in the afternoon; and some come at night also. The danger is that they work too severely, not that they are idle. Sometimes a student gets discouraged, when he is painting a picture for the Salon, and throws everything up; but that wonderful comradeship, that fraternal spirit which has so prominent a part in the community of French art, coaxes him, goads him to go on; and he picks up his brush, attends the schools, engages his model, and begins again. The *esprit* is an ingenious and absolute feature in the scheme; it knows no nationality; it regards no rank; it is common to man and maiden. During the 20 years and more that Julien's Académie has been open—growing day by day—it has been absorbing the pupils from other schools which are now no more; and it will be vastly stronger in the future from the fact that Laurens has thrown in his lot with, and carried his pupils over to, Julien's ateliers. Among the professors at Julien's schools are MM. Bouguereau, Lefebvre, Robert-Fleury, Laurens, Constant, Ferrier, Doucet, and Mercié; at Delécluse's are MM. Delance, Callot, and Delécluse himself, who is a sculptor; at Colarossi's are Courtois, Falguière, Blanc, Tony Noel, Chicotot, and many others; and equally distinguished men are to be found at the Beaux Arts. The private schools are open every day in the year; and though perhaps three-fourths of the 10,000 artists are students of Paris, go into the country or to the seashore for a couple of mouths in the summer, the rest may be seen hard at work in the ateliers.

What a meeting of the nation it is! American French (try a play of Molière with the accent of Michigan), Spanish French, English French, Italian French, Hungarian French, Russian French, &c.—that is amusing enough; but now set them going in their own tongues when some professor has vanished from the room and left them alone with the model! Babel was nought to this! A sharp-featured French Canadian sings a verse of "Malbrouck;" an Englishman declaims upon the virtues of Velasquez to a dissident Italian; an American falls foul of the blotch of colour on the brush-paint of an Australian; and international complications ensue; a Pole and a Russian quarrel over the last Salon; laughter, chaff, uproar follow, and then suddenly someone starts a street song in opposition to "Malbrouck." It is "A la Madeleine." Another joins, and then another, until the place is ringing with good temper, joyful concord, and gamin French.

> Moi, je n' gob' pas
> El' son du glas
> D' l'églis' du Maine;
> J'aim' cent fois mieux
> Les chants joyeux
> Ed' la Mad'leine.

But this is merely temporary; in a few moments all is silence again.

The student and artist thinks of little else but his work. One sees a crowd of them coming out of the Café Roumain at midnight. They are making excited gestures, are talking earnestly; they have been drinking mild bock and coffee all the evening. Of course they are gossiping hopeless nonsense? Not at all. They are discussing the merits of two great painters—seriously vehemently. Look at this particular group. One was an English naval officer; one was an American sign painter, tramp, and amateur photographer; one an Australian saddler; one a gardener; one a musician for twelve years; one a civil engineer; one an explorer on the West Coast of Africa; one a rancher in Texas; and the last of all a graduate of Oxford and a member of a distinguished family in England. Rub these nationalities, these types and cultures of various kinds, together and what is the natural result: simply that the art and art student in Paris should be one of the most catholic creatures in the universe; the most tolerant in thought, the most eloquent in his work. He resides far off from the land which we call Mayfair; he lives simply, eats at *crémeries*, *bouillons*, and *restaurants* where he can get a meal for a franc (and a very good meal too, as any one can bear witness who has dined off the five courses given), and sleeps in a cheerful garret, where he fears not to labour with his hands at all necessary domestic things. While in Paris the art student is a true socialist, a follower of Tolstoi; his only aristocracy is Art.

THE MISCALCULATED AMBITIONS OF MEN OF GENIUS.

(From the Spectator.)

There is a strange tendency in men who have unusual power in any one department of human life and effort to hanker after a name and fame in some other quite different department. For example, Ruskin, who as an art critic is at the very pinnacle of English fame, has just published, or rather allowed to be published, two bulky volumes of very indifferent poems; while Mr. Lecky, who ranks high as a historian, has followed his example by publishing a small volume of mediocre verse. But we have seen the same thing in other ages and other nations. Before Frederick the Great became a great German general he strove hard and vainly to become a great French *littérateur* and epigrammatist. Adam Smith sought to gain a reputation by philosophising on the nature of our moral sentiments before he wrote his book on "The Wealth of Nations." Coleridge and Southey were to have established a pantisocracy before they found their poetic calling. And Shelley fixed his ambition on reforming Ireland before he gathered himself up for the task of writing his exquisite lyrics. Sir Walter Scott threw all his heart into the foundation of an ideal lairdship, and wrote his novels more for the sake of reviving a great ancestral house than for the love of literature. And even Matthew Arnold endeavoured to produce something systematic that would serve as a substitute for theology (in which he did not believe), long after he had discovered his true genius as a poet; and quite late in life endeavoured to set the practical statesmen on the right track in their Irish policy, though he ironically declined to address his political admirers at "The Spotted Dog," and professed that he had no better advice to give them than to "know themselves." Dickens made a serious effort to hold up the Court of Chancery to public ridicule and censure. Thackeray would have liked to get into Parliament, for which he was about as little fitted as for an aeronaut. And Carlyle published some of his "Latter-Day Pamphlets" in the genuine belief that he could set the Legislature and the public offices on the right path for a new career of Parliamentary and administrative reform. Further, George Eliot made a great, and we may almost say a solemn effort, to write religious poetry in the style of Milton, without a vestige of Milton's faith or Milton's feeling for music—and produced the ponderous "Legend of Jubal" by way of showing that she could do something else besides write good novels.

What is the meaning of this deep-seated craving which shows itself especially in men of genius, to embark in a career as different as possible from that for which they are really fitted? Browning has told us that there is such a craving, but he suggests that when Raffaelle wrote a book of sonnets, and Dante endeavoured to paint an angel, this desire to pass out of the region in which they knew their strength and had tested it, into one in which they had probably very little strength to test, was mainly due to the wish to achieve something unique for one for whom they felt a unique devotion. He himself, he said, who usually blew "through brass," was filled with the desire to "breathe through silver," when he sought to write a dedication of his "Men and Women" to his wife; and he assumed that the effort of the great artist to become for once in his life a poet, and of the great poet to become for once in his life an artist, was inspired by the same craving to undertake for the sake of those whom they loved best, a sort of enterprise which they had never undertaken for any one else, and which would therefore be, as it were, sacred to those for whose sake alone they had entered upon it. But this is, we suppose, a mere theory of Browning's to account for one or two individual cases of this eagerness to attempt that for which there was no individual aptitude in the genius of him who attempted it. It is clear that no special chivalry of attachment to any human being inspired in Frederick the Great the passion for writing like Voltaire rather than for fighting like Marlborough; that no unique devotion to Harriet Westbrook took Shelley to Ireland to throw political life into that down-trodden country; that it was no romantic desire to dedicate a special spiritual and moral effort to Mr. Lewes which made George Eliot compose "The Spanish Gypsy" and "The Legend of Jubal." Certainly it was no romantic devotion to Mrs. Carlyle or Lady Ashburton that set Carlyle on the hope of reforming Downing-street, or warning the English nation against giving liberty to Black Quashee. And least of all was it any romantic impulse of this kind which induced Mr. Ruskin and Mr. Lecky, in their youthful consciousness of great powers, to embark on the poet's task, for which they had no more gift than any other man of faculty, instead of feeling their way towards the art-criticism and the historical disquisition which were to fill up the greater part of their literary life. We believe that it is some much more general impulse in men of genius to try their highest powers in a region strange to them, for which they have no special fitness,—indeed, to try them all the more because they have no special fitness for it,—that makes so many able men launch into fields for which they have no inborn capacity and no training of experience. We rather think that the true explanation is, that men with a great and vague sense of power in them are always doubtful whether they have reached the limits of that power, and naturally incline to test this in the field in which they feel that they have fewer rather than more numerous auguries of success. Shelley, when he became a political evangelist, ventured, with almost preternatural confidence, into the one field in which his purely lyrical genius could least help him; yet no doubt the "bubbling of the silver-springing wave" in his own heart filled him with the belief that he had an amulet within him of the range and intensity of which he knew very little, but to which he found it almost impossible in the opening of life to assign any limits. He felt a passionate yearning to heal the misery of Ireland, and mistook his power for denouncing a misgovernment which filled him with wrath, for the very different power which would have roused the Irish to individual industry and singleness of political purpose. The man of genius feels that there is some vague and mighty power in him, and not unfrequently is so possessed with it that he will half-believe himself raised above the very idea of impossibility; and when he is conscious of such powers as these, he not unnaturally wants to try the spell exactly in that field in which the difficulty looks greatest, and in which the oracle within him warns him that if he could triumph at all, his triumph would be the most astounding. Sou, too, really great mathematicians have ventured into the field of humour, and sometimes (as in Lewis Carroll's case) have achieved a great success, but more often (and of that too we have had remarkable instances) have failed. A great novelist finds for herself ponderous wings with which to emulate Milton's ascent into empyrean air, and only flaps heavily over the surface of the earth; while an elegiac poet undertakes not only to get rid of theology, but to find a substitute for the Almighty in miscellaneous streams of tendency, rising he knows not whence, and after skirting a region of incidental righteousness in their course, flowing ultimately he knows not whither. An imaginative transcendentalist sets himself to instruct the philanthropists and statesmen in all the dangers and follies of abolishing slavery and relying on pigeon-holes and red tape; and a great soldier embarks eagerly on the task of constructing, with the pen, a class of epigrams which he was only qualified to embody in the short, sharp irony of the sword.

Wherever there is any overflowing spring of conscious power in any mind, there, we may be sure, there will be more or less uncertainty as to the limits within which alone that sense of power will be found equal to great achievements. Such a sense of power is very apt to appear a sort of talisman of quite incalculable range and efficiency. Sometimes, as in George Eliot's case, genius does not recognise itself until it has been verified by a great success, and then first begins to wonder whether its range may not be much wider than experience would at first suggest. Sometimes, as in Ruskin's case, genius is recognised almost too soon, before the proper sphere of that genius is even guessed at, and then there follow a series of unsuccessful endeavours till the right line of effort is at length struck. But whether the sense of overflowing genius comes early or late, it is pretty sure to lead to attempts which are failures as well as attempts which are successful, because the mere conscious possession of genius fills the mind with a restlessness and a sanguineness which for the time suppress the dread of failure in any enterprise to which its natural cravings draw it. And the more strictly intuitive, the less dependent on acquisition, memory, and experience, the genius is, the more of this rash craving to attempt achievements quite beyond it, there is likely to be. The artist will hope to find himself a poet, the poet an orator, the orator a statesman, and the statesman perhaps a constitutional lawyer and a Judge. It is the steady pressure of the ideal element in men of genius into a considerable variety of tentative experiments that brings about these mistakes. But it is also the same craving to try for new excesses in the way of action, which frequently leads men of genius to the discovery of bents which would otherwise have remained unrevealed. Would Bacon have ever discovered that he had a great genius for creating the logic of induction if he had limited his endeavours to the advancement of that legal learning in which he was a proficient? or Scott have ever learned that he was a great novelist if he had not been so eager to found a great Scotch house that he took up a new line of attack on popular favour the moment that he found his poetry eclipsed by the rising fame of Byron?

The Italian Government has purchased the Sciarra Gallery (which contains "The Violinist," by Raphael), and also some important pictures from the collection of the Prince Borghese.

SPORTING INTELLIGENCE.

THE TURF.

Randwick will again be the principal sporting rendezvous to-day, when the holiday meeting under the auspices of the Australian Jockey Club takes place, and a very large gathering may be anticipated, for the programme gives promise of excellent racing. The usual facilities for reaching the course by road and rail will be available, and at 1 p.m. the ball will be set rolling. The Hurdle Race will be the first to engage attention, and judging by the tradesmanlike manner in which Satyr disposed of his opponents on Saturday, the speedy son of Leolinus should not experience much difficulty in annexing the prize, while Cobar, Fog, and Grandson may be the best of the others. The Surprise Stakes has Too Soon at the top of the list with 8st 12lb, and if returned to his best form there is nothing in that burden to prevent him distinguishing himself; but, all things considered, the prospects of Autonomy, Oxenham, Babel, and Confidence seem to be the most encouraging for investment, while Danton has also been left with a good chance. The places in the Mutual Selling Race should be filled by Escort, The Gift, and Barraba; and Australasian, Caledonian, and Bushman may get home as named in the Steeplechase. The Christmas Handicap should bring about a good race between the youngsters, and the situations may go to Moonray, Ruenalf, and Attalus, unless Melodia can separate them. The day's sport will be brought to a conclusion with the Holiday Handicap, in which a number of good performers are engaged, and the brunt of the battle should fall to Magnus, Forty Winks, and St. Albans II.; while Hegira and Sir Anthony should also run well forward. The weights for the handicap events were declared on Saturday evening, and the full programme is published in another part of this paper.

Durban was, on Saturday, struck out of all engagements in connection with Tattersall's Club Annual Meeting.

Mr. T. S. Clibborn announces a sale of horses at Fennelly's Bazaar, Pitt-street, to-morrow, commencing at 2 p.m. Among those that will be submitted to public competition are the bay filly Grand Duchess, by Grandmaster (imp.) from Bauvie (imp.), and the trotters Primus and Dexter, by Vermont jun., and Narrabeen Harold, by Childe Harold (imp.).

Owners and trainers of racehorses should not forget that nominations for the half-dozen items included on the card for the Rosehill January meeting must be lodged with the secretary, Mr. G. B. Rowley, before 5 p.m. to-morrow. The programme is fully set forth in this issue.

The bills of fare for the trotting and race meetings to be held at Lillie Bridge on the evenings of the 1st and 2nd proximo can be seen in our business columns, and owners and trainers of that class of stock should note that entries close with the secretary, Mr. H. Taylor, at 4 p.m. to-morrow.

There was very little wagering on the principal events of Tattersall's annual meeting on Saturday evening. Trieste was nominal favourite for the Carrington Stakes at 8 to 1, while from 12 to 50 to 1 could be got about the others. For Tattersall's Cup, Highborn, St. Albans II., and Vespasia were each quoted at 7 to 1, and from 10 to 20 to 1 was available against anything else.

The privileges in connection with the entrance gates and St. Leger reserve at Randwick during Tattersall's Club Annual Meeting on Friday and Saturday next will be offered for sale by auction at Kiss's Bazaar, Pitt-street, at noon to-morrow.

AUSTRALIAN JOCKEY CLUB SUMMER MEETING.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26.

Patron: His Excellency the Earl of Jersey, G.C.M.G. Under the management of the committee of the A.J.C.: Messrs. F. C. Griffiths (chairman), W. B. Walford (hon. treasurer), V. J. Dowling, R. Jones, jun., F. W. Hill, Hon. W. A. Long, Mr. C. A. Goodchap, Hon. H. C. Dangar, Messrs. J. W. Johnson, M. W. Traill, W. R. Hall. Judge: Mr. A. Benson. Handicapper: Mr. J. A. Scarr. Starter: Mr. Thos. Watson. Timekeeper: Mr. John Daly. Clerk of the course: Mr. James Ashworth. Mr. T. S. Clibborn, secretary.

The leading item on the programme of time-honoured Boxing Day sports was furnished by the Australian Jockey Club on Saturday, when the flagstaffs at the metropolitan course were gaily decked with bunting, and patrons of the turf were invited to assist at the summer reunion of the premier racing institution of the parent colony. A better day for the enjoyment of the national sport could not be desired, for though the sun shone with great brilliancy from an unclouded sky, an invigorating breeze from the broad Pacific brought about an agreeable temperature. The delightful weather conditions, combined with the most interesting bill of fare provided for the occasion, were sufficiently attractive to induce a large attendance, and from an early hour in the forenoon it became evident that the anticipations in that direction would be fully realised, for streams of traffic set in through the different avenues leading to the trysting-place and did not cease until after the luncheon interval, by which time a concourse of nearly 30,000 persons had assembled on the racecourse reserve. The Randwick-road presented a busy scene, especially about mid-day, when the thoroughfare was thronged with vehicles of every description, and all heavily freighted with pleasure-seekers. The road was in good repair, and a liberal application of water kept the dust within reasonable bounds, so that the drive was a pleasant one, and the traffic was excellently supervised by the transit officers. The demand upon the resources of the Tramway Department were very heavy, but ample accommodation was available, the Cleveland-street route proving of great convenience to visitors from the southern and western suburbs, and greatly relieving the traffic on the main line. A good deal of inconvenience was caused at the main-entrance gates, owing to the great crush and the insufficient means of entry. The turnstiles, which on ordinary occasions are equal to the demand, were altogether inadequate on Saturday, and the entrance for vehicles was largely used by pedestrians, much to the discomfort of the latter. There is ample space provided for the admission of the public in large numbers, and, as a prevention against accidents, the A.J.C. management should see that it is utilised. Seldom, at the season of the year, has the racing reserve presented such a bright and pleasing picture as it did on Saturday, for the late rains had preserved the spring-like verdancy of the turf, and the tracks were in the best possible condition, while the grandstand enclosure, with its smooth, grassy slopes and beautiful *parterres* of choice flowering plants, never looked better. The assemblage in the saddling paddock was a thoroughly representative one, and included, in addition to the leading local sportsmen, many visitors from the adjacent colonies. The accommodation on the grand and official stands was fully occupied, and thousands viewed the sport from the lawn. The St. Leger reserve was largely patronised; and there were fully 10,000 persons who selected "the flat" as the *locale* for their Boxing Day outing. Since the last meeting at Randwick a handsome and commodious tea-room has been erected in the centre of the saddling paddock, and forms a valuable and convenient addition to the catering arrangements. The sport, which was of an interesting character throughout, was conducted without the slightest hitch, and the only mishap that occurred was in the Hurdle Race, in which Cobar came to grief, but neither horse nor rider was much the worse for the fall. Mr. Watson was successful in despatching his fields on good terms, and the riders were on their best behaviour. Mr. Benson occupied his customary position in the judge's box, and his decisions were never questioned, while the general management under the supervision of the secretary, Mr. T. S. Clibborn, left no room for complaint.

In spite of the absence from town of his Excellency the Governor and the Countess of Jersey, and that of many of the regular frequenters of the Randwick races, the attendance was very large and representative. His Excellency the Admiral and Lady Charles Scott were present, also the Hon. Mr. Justice Manning, the Hon. the Treasurer and Mrs. John See, the Hon. S. A. Stephen, the Hon. C. E. Pilcher, the Hon. D. O'Connor, the Hon. W. J. Trickett, Captain the Hon. Rupert Leigh, Captain Cholmondeley, Captain Barlow, Captain Davis, Captain Greenfell, Flag-Lieutenant Garforth, and several officers of the navy, Captain M'Neil, Major Campbell, Major Churchward, Mr. Walter Hall, Mr. J. W. Flood, Mr. Fosbery, Mr. W. E. Mort, Mr. Cecil Leigh, Lieutenant Sakomoto, and several officers of the Japanese warship, Mr. Metcalfe (Queensland), Mr. J. E. Davidson (Port Macquarie), Dr. Cortis, Dr. Cox, Dr. Jenkins, Dr. Steer-Bowker, Dr. Fairfax Ross, Dr. Belisario, Dr. Kyngdon, Dr. Foreman, Messrs. Reginald and Arthur Allen, Mr. Vincent Dowling, Mr. A. H. Macarthur, Mr. A. Robinson, Mr. Arthur Dowling, Mr. Calvert, Mr. F. Macdonald, Mr. E. Lamb, Mr. Garvan, &c., &c. Most of these gentlemen were accompanied by lady members of their families. Country visitors were numerous, and the stands and lawns were crowded. The dresses of the ladies were appropriate and handsome. White was very largely chosen by young ladies, and fabrics of almost fairy-like fineness, silk gauzes, and an abundance of lace, were conspicuous features of the toilettes. Lady Charles Scott wore navy blue bengaline, with vest, tablier and panels of white silk, the lower portions covered with guipure. Mrs. J. E. Davidson's (Port Macquarie) gown was of steel grey poplin, with bead passementerie trimmings, and vandykes of grey velvet bordering the skirt; a bonnet of grey with pink flowers. Mrs. Stewart (Melbourne) wore black lace of a light graceful pattern, with forest green silk vest and border round the skirt. Miss Walker (England) also wore grey silk figured with dots in satin, the grey bonnet relieved with buttercup flowers. Mrs. W. E. Mort, who has recently returned from Europe, wore cream canvas, the bodice of forest green silk, covered à la corset, with the canvas, leaving the upper part as a yoke, the front of the bodice, the belt, and a V panel in the skirt, were of green silk veiled with lace, shoulder knots of pink and green ribbon, and the same combination on the skirt were effective additions to an elegant toilette. The bodice was finished with a kilted basque 10 inches deep, hat covered with green leaves, and buds of the lily of the valley. Mrs. Arthur Allen, also just returned from Europe, wore a charming toilette of black net over eau de nil silk, the net figured in horizontal rows of zigzag leaves, the Louis XIII. coat of the same, with a long waistcoat of the silk, crossed at the waist by a belt of lace; black straw hat, trimmed with black feathers. Mrs. J. W. Flood wore one of the handsomest gowns seen, black silk grenadine over vieux rose silk, the grenadine figured with woven disc-shaped flowers somewhat like the kosmos, in vieux rose with green leaves, the bodice ornamented with jet passementerie. Mrs. H. S. Chipman's gown was of cornflower blue summer corduroy; the battlemented basque fell over a deep waist flounce of tan lace, the sleeves were veiled with lace; bonnet to correspond. Mrs. Alex. Cameron wore dark amethyst foulard figured with flowers of a lighter shade, with black lace cavalier hat. Mrs. Cecil Leigh's gown was of chartreuse green silk, veiled with white mousseline de soie, figured with small flowers, Henry III. hat of crinoline, with pink and green trimmings, lovely parasol of light green silk with chiffon puffings. Mrs. Russell-Jones wore a handsome gown of grey bengaline, ornamented with scroll embroidery in a darker shade. Mrs. E. P. Simpson wore white cambric with black ribbons, and black net hat. Mrs. Andrew Loughnan (Melbourne) was dressed in China blue figured muslin; her sister wore white. Mrs. M'Neil's toilette was pale heliotrope with full waistcoat of tilleul silk. Mrs. Walter Hall's dress was cream delaine flowered in grey with grey velvet epaulettes and belt, fancy straw bonnet with jewelled passementerie, grey bows and osprey. Mrs. Septimus Stephen wore black, the bonnet a double coronet of buttercups; her daughters wore white dresses with broad trimmed hats of fancy straw. Mrs. Wrench's gown was forest green silk veiled with black grenadine, amethyst and green, most artistically combined in the bodice and sleeves. The Misses Throckmorton wore figured cambric frocks with white lace trimmings. Mrs. A. Robinson wore grey, Miss Pearl Lamb pink zephyr. Mrs. Lee Lord wore grey with a running scroll in cream. Two very handsome gowns were of cloud grey bengaline; the one was made with the skirt opened in two places to show full panels of black lace; the skirt was also trimmed with a flounce of black lace headed by jet passementerie, and the decoration was continued on the bodice and sleeves. The second was trimmed with vertical bands of black lace insertion, the sleeves had V shaped hoods of lace, and the bodice a full front of the same. A third grey dress was trimmed with a rich passementerie of gold and grey placed in two broad bands from the waist to the edge of the coat, which was very long, partly directoire and partly polonaise. Mrs. Garvan wore navy blue silk. Mrs. John See, white muslin figured in grey, grey hat and feathers. Miss Bowker wore grey and pink. Miss Badford white. Miss Maud Roberts wore a very striking toilette of daffodil satin, trimmed with white lace. Miss Broomfield's toilette of pink figured delaine, with hat of pink crêpe, was very becoming. Pink zephyrs striped, flowered, and plain, were numerously worn; a very pretty dress was of beige crêpe combined with pink; lilac zephyr figured in white, pink flowered delaines, and muslins of every colour were present in large numbers. There were also figured silks in many shades. The parasols of shot silks added much to the effect of colour on the lawn, the red and amber combined being particularly noticeable. There were many groups of country visitors, and residents from the suburbs mustered largely. Mrs. Reddall, Mrs. H. Harris, Mrs. J. Spencer, Mrs. F. Macdonald, Mrs. T. Spencer, with Miss Smythe, Miss Baylis, and Miss Boucher were amongst the large assembly.

The scratching pen was very busy with the Hurdle Race candidates, and among its victims were Yabba, Fire King, Maude, Sluggard, General Gordon, Grandson, Silvershot, and Grandwing. Still even such havoc left a fine field to go to the post, and so great was the confidence in Satyr that the comparatively short price of 5 to 2 was accepted about him; but at the last Cobar came into the market with a rattle, and so eased the favourite that they left the paddock with little to choose between them. Cobar soon put his followers out of anxiety, for he came heavily to grief at the fence near the St. Leger stand, and gave his pilot an ugly fall. The favourite soon found his way to the front, and, making a sort of holiday outing of it, swung along merrily by himself for the remainder of the journey, and finally won very easily from Bettina and Cascade. As was anticipated, most of the heavy weights left the list for the Flying Handicap, and when the 14 were marshalled at the post the public choice had fallen upon Autonomy, a handsome, well-grown son of Chester and Aveline, who met with substantial support at 2 to 1. He made his run generously when called upon, and won cleverly from Affiance, who finished very strongly, and is evidently returning to his old form. Notwithstanding the liberality of the prize, only half a dozen were saddled for the December Stakes, and the withdrawal of Trieste showing that the stable had unbounded confidence in Moonray, caused that somewhat uncertain young lady to go to the post with a shade of odds against her. Once the flag had fallen she never gave anything a chance, and fairly romped home from Miss Letty, who is a fine raking filly, by St. Leger (imp.) from Necklace, that will be likely to distinguish herself in the near future. Dan O'Connor did not show anything like his usual brilliancy, and the handsome Melodia, who brought a great private reputation from the North, quite failed to run up to anything like promise. On the strength of a very sensational gallop accomplished a few days ago Oxenham was elected a very strong favourite for the Selling Plate, but was never really in it, and The Gift, contradicting the impression that she has lost her form, experienced very little difficulty in disposing of Barraba and Oroya, but as she has proved herself to be rather untrustworthy of late, her popular owner did not award her such spirited support as he has done on many previous occasions. When the final bell rang for the great event of the day, the A.J.C. Summer Cup, it was found that Marvel had been struck out, and the circumstance, though it could hardly be said to have caused surprise, certainly evoked a deal of disappointment and some adverse comment. The public dearly love to see a racehorse on the track, and the absence of the black son of Marvellous greatly detracted from the interest felt in the race. For some time Magnus bade fair to hold the responsible post of favourite, but as the all-important hour approached the followers of Highborn backed him so consistently that at the last he held a decided lead in the quotations. The race was run at a true pace all the way, and St. Albans II. cut out all the work and appeared to have everything in trouble until approaching the distance, where Vespasia put in a claim which was undeniable, and galloping quite in her old form won with just a little to spare. Most of those from whom great things were expected were out of it early in the fray, and the over-weighted Highborn was the only one that made anything like a battle of it. Paris wore a somewhat jaded appearance, and Colley says that he was seriously interfered with when about half a mile from home, or he might have been closer. Albemarle never got into a forward position at any part, neither did Sir Anthony, while the erstwhile great favourite, Prelude, was so utterly disgraced that she must have gone off to an extent which will preclude her from being able to head a store bullock for some time to come. The fact is to be greatly regretted, for she had not only been heavily backed for the Summer Cup, but was thought to have particularly bright prospects for coming events. Sunshine ran like a rogue as usual, and better things can surely be expected from Corsican and St. Blaize. Arquebus, a good-looking son of Martini Henri and the flying Acme, was made a great favourite for the Nursery Handicap, but like the others engaged was fairly outpaced by Ruenalf, a son of Grand Flaneur and Olga, who, making the most of a good getaway, showed a remarkable dash of pace, and won all the way. Novice was most fancied for the A.J.C. Handicap, but by the time that event came on for decision, the public had become somewhat weary, and not much interest was taken in the final event. As soon as the field got going Confidence took up the running, and never leaving anything with a chance cut out all the running and won without an effort. The following are the details:—

HURDLE RACE, a handicap sweepstakes of 5 sovs. each for starters, with 200 sovs. added. Second horse 50 sovs. from the prize—2 miles.

Mr. T. Lamond ns ch g Satyr, by Leolinus—Naiad, 6 years, 9st 7lb (P. Nolan) ... 1
Mr. W. Miller ns br m Bettina, by Grandmaster—La Mascotte, 4 years, 9st 5lb (E. Humphries) ... 2
Mr. S. R. Kennedy's b g Cascade, by Roodee, aged, 9st 11lb (G. Ball) ... 3
Mr. E. C. Cousin's bl or br m Fog, aged, 11st 3lb (E. Flannagan) ... 0
Mr. A. Shearsby ns ch m Vesphane, 6 years, 11st (A. Death) ... 0
Mr. W. Poulsham ns b g Rocklands, aged, 11st (J. Keighran) ... 0
Mr. John Mayo's b g Buckley, aged, 10st (J. Phoenix) ... 0
Mr. R. R. Hughson's g g Scone, 5 years, 9st 9lb (W. Lee) ... 0
Mr. J. Kerr's b g The Mason, aged, 9st 9lb (R. Waddell) ... 0
Mr. Joseph Brown's br g Cobar, aged, 9st 7lb (J. Edge) ... 0
Mr. E. F. Sandeman ns b h Clarence, aged, 9st 7lb (A. E. Colley) ... 0
Mr. W. Roach ns b g Diomed, aged, 9st 5lb (J. M'Crow) ... 0
Mr. E. Keys ns b m Bella, 5 years, 9st 3lb (H. Underwood) ... 0
Mr. F. Taylor ns br g Eurolgi, aged, 9st (H. Howard) ... 0

Betting: 5 to 2 v. Satyr, 3 to 1 v. Cobar, 6 to 1 v. Scone, and 10 to 1 v. others.

Scone and Bettina were the first to commence, and soon placed a few lengths between them and the field, while Rocklands began to tail off at once. Scone led into the straight and to the St. Leger stand, where Cobar came down, and Satyr, Cascade, Diomed, and Bettina went on after the grey, while Fog, on the outside, headed the others, which were whipped in by Vesphane and Rocklands. Satyr raced up to the grey when passing Oxenham's, and then leading showed the way along the back of the course, two lengths clear from Scone and Cascade, while Bella was four lengths away, followed by Bettina and The Mason, with the others hopelessly out of it. Bettina went up second when five furlongs from home, and a little further on Scone, Cascade, and Bella got on terms with the doctor's mare. Scone was the first to crack, and Satyr, making the pace to please himself, held his own without an effort, and won very easily by half a dozen lengths. Cascade was two lengths from Bettina, and two lengths from him came The Mason and Scone, and then, a long way out of it, succeeded Clarence, Fog, and Vesphane. Time, 3 minutes 56 seconds.

FLYING HANDICAP, a sweepstakes of 5 sovs. each for starters, with 200 sovs. added; second horse 50 sovs. from the prize—6 furlongs.

Mr. J. B. Clark's b c Autonomy, by Chester—Aveline, 2 years, 7st (T. Liddiard) ... 1
Mr. V. Dowling's br c Affiance, by Clieveden—Affection, 3 years, 8st 2lb (J. Gainsford) ... 2
Mr. H. Ross ns ch g Whirlwind, by Clan Stuart (imp.)—Zephyr, 5 years, 7st 7lb (H. Owens) ... 3
Mr. Joseph Brown ns br h Fernando, 5 years, 8st 7lb (F. Kerrigan) ... 0
Mr. J. Ristenpart ns br f Bedtime, 3 years, 8st 4lb (J. Delaney) ... 0
Mr. J. Abrahams' br g The Markee, 3 years, 8st (E. Schaaf) ... 0
Mr. J. M'Inherney's br g Messenger, 6 years, 8st (H. Conlon) ... 0
Mr. H. Oxenham's ch f Sophietta, 3 years, 7st 11lb (A. Duthie) ... 0
Mr. S. Fielder's b g Sam Weller, 3 years, 7st 9lb (M. Ryan) ... 0
Mr. J. Roarty ns b h Commissioner, 6 years, 7st 7lb (C. Parker) ... 0
Mr. E. E. A. Oatley's ch m Little Lady, 5 years, 7st 2lb (J. Hatch) ... 0
Mr. H. Giltinan ns ch g Hugo, aged, 7st (M. Buckley) ... 0
Mr. W. R. Hall's ch f Chorus, 3 years, 6st 7lb (R. Kennedy) ... 0
Mr. R. W. Millington ns b g Terence, 6 years or aged, 6st 4lb (J. Donnelly) ... 0

Betting: 5 to 2 v. Autonomy, 5 to 1 v. Sophietta, 6 to 1 v. The Markee, 7 to 1 v. any other.

As soon as the line was broken Chorus on the left was left in command, with Messenger and Affiance next, and so they raced on close terms until half way round the bend, when Autonomy and Whirlwind began to get on terms, while Fernando also made a run towards the front. Chorus was done with at the entrance to the straight, and Autonomy dashing up on the inside shone out as a winner at the distance. Affiance made a splendid effort in the straight, but though he brought the favourite to his top for a few strides the colt drew away again and won cleverly by a couple of lengths. Whirlwind was a length off, and then came Messenger, Fernando, Bedtime, Chorus, and Sam Weller, with Terence last. Time, 1 minute 15 seconds.

DECEMBER STAKES of 20 sovs. each, 5 forfeit, with 500 sovs. added; for two-year-olds. Colts, 8st 10lb; fillies, 8st 5lb; geldings at time of starting allowed 3lb. Second horse 100 sovs. from the prize. 5 furlongs.

Mr. J. B. Clark ns ch f Moonray, by Chester—Moonstone (E. Huxley) ... 1
Mr. L. D. Nathan's b f Miss Letty, by St. Leger (imp.)—Necklace (C. Steeper) ... 2
Mr. J. Swan ns ch c Dan O'Connor, by Marvellous (imp.)—Mavourneen (B. Williams) ... 3
Mr. T. Ivory's b g Vangrave, by Epigram (imp.)—Courtesy (J. Barden) ... 0
Mr. E. Chippendall, jun., ns br f Melodia, by Goldsbrough—Melody (Geo. Cooper) ... 0
Mr. J. Monaghan ns br c Isaac, by Splendour (imp.)—Old Wife (C. Parker) ... 0

Betting: 6 to 4 v. Moonray, 5 to 2 v. Dan O'Connor, 5 to 1 each v. Miss Letty and Melodia, 10 to 1 v. others.

Miss Letty and Moonray lost no time in getting away, and the latter at once dashing to the front made every post a winning one, and, although the great pace at which she had travelled told upon her a deal, she held her own, and won a very fast race by about five lengths from Miss Letty, who was about the same distance in front of Dan O'Connor, and four lengths from the chestnut came the others clustered, and headed by Melodia. Time, 1 minute 2¼ seconds.

Appended is the list of winners of the

DECEMBER STAKES—5 furlongs.

Yr.	First.	Second.	Third.	Time.
1880	Spinningdale	Marmora	The Gem	1.3 6-10
1881	Jessie	Clemence	Vanquish	1.3½
1882	Blue and White	Warwick	Morceau	1.4
1883	Buckingham	Iolanthe	Venetia	1.4
1884	Queen's Own	Cardigan	Corday	1.3½
1885	Philip Augustus	Kingsgrove	Blairgowrie	1.3
1886	Abercorn	Huntingtower	Moorhouse	1.2¾
1887	Consequence	Wycombe	Lady Betty	1.2½
1888	Rudolph	Knight Templr	Neta	1.4¾
1889	Correze	Wilga	Utter	1.6
1890	Corvette	Theodore	Sophietta	1.2¼
1891	Moonray	Miss Letty	Dan. O'Co'nor	1.2¼

SELLING PLATE of 300 sovs., for three years old and upwards. Weights—Three years, 9st; four years and upwards, 9st 7lb. The winner to be sold for 200 sovs.; 5lb allowed for each reduction of 25 sovs. on selling price down to 50 sovs.; the surplus on selling price to be divided between the owner of the second horse and the club. 1 mile.

Mr. H. Oxenham's b m The Gift, by Somnus—Little Wanzer (£50), 6 years, 7st (T. Liddiard) ... 1
Mr. Ernest Mayo's br g Barraba, by Gemma di Vergy—Cherub (£50), 5 or 6 years, 7st 2lb (J. Donnelly) ... 2
Mr. J. Jurd's ch g Oroya, by The Tester (£50), 6 years or aged, 7st 2lb (F. Fielder) ... 3
Mr. H. Giltinan ns br g Zealot (£50), 6 years, 7st 2lb (F. White) ... 0
Mr. D. Lawson's br g Strephon (£50), aged, 7st 2lb (H. Conlon) ... 0
Mr. H. Dargin's br g Oxenham (£50), 6 years, 7st 2lb (J. Hawley) ... 0
Mr. J. J. M'Manus's br g Ilander (£50), 6 years, 7st 2lb (C. Parker) ... 0
Mr. R. Johnson's b g Stud Book (£50), 4 years, 7st 2lb (J. Crothers) ... 0
Mr. W. Kelso ns br g Insignia (£50), 6 years, 7st 2lb (D. Cook) ... 0
Mr. I. Earnshaw's b m Lady Lovel (£50), aged, 7st (H. Moran) ... 0

Betting: Even money on Oxenham, 4 to 1 v. Barraba, 5 to 1 v. The Gift, 6 to 1 v. Lady Lovel, 10 to 1 v. any other.

Oroya and Studbook were smartest on their legs. The latter made the running, with the mare in attendance, to the home turn, where Oxenham made a weak effort on the outside, and for a moment the first flight boxed up; but once their heads were fairly turned for home The Gift cut the field down, and drawing away won by about three lengths from Barraba, who caught Oroya in the run home, and beat her by half a length for second place. Insignia was a length and a half away, and was succeeded by Lady Lovel, Ilander, Oxenham, Studbook, and Zealot. Time, 1 minute 41¾ seconds.

SUMMER CUP, a handicap sweepstakes of 10 sovs. each, with 1000 sovs. added; second horse 200 sovs. and third 100 sovs. from the prize. A winner of any handicap after the declaration of the weights to carry 5lb, of 200 sovs. 7lb, of 500 sovs. 10lb extra. 1½ mile.

Mr. William Rouse's b m Vespasia, by Vespasian—Yattendon mare, aged, 6st 11lb (J. Delaney) ... 1
Mr. W. R. Delander's b c St. Albans II., by Goodwood—Rosebud, 3 years, 7st 7lb, including 5lb penalty (M. Ryan) ... 2
Mr. W. Risby ns b g Magnus, by Grandmaster—Miriam, 6 years, 7st 4lb (R. Kennedy) ... 3
Mr. W. Forrester's bl g Highborn, 6 years, 9st 5lb (John Gough) ... 0
Mr. J. Monaghan ns b g Paris, 4 years, 9st (B. Colley) ... 0
Mr. P. Confoy's b h Yunko, 5 years, 8st 9lb (J. Selly) ... 0
Mr. V. Dowling's b m Prelude, 4 years, 8st 4lb (J. Gainsford) ... 0
Mr. George Hill's bl h Corsican, 5 years, 8st (J. Crothers) ... 0
Mr. I. Earnshaw ns b h St. Blaize, 4 years, 7st 11lb (B. Williams) ... 0
Mr. J. B. Clark's ch c Albemarle, 3 years, 7st 6lb (T. Liddiard) ... 0
Mr. J. Cook ns br c Sunshine, 3 years, 7st 4lb (E. Schaaf) ... 0
Mr. V. Dowling's bl m Helene, 4 years, 7st 4lb (W. Dugdale) ... 0
Mr. J. Cook's br g Vain Hope, 6 years, 7st 4lb (G. Garland) ... 0
Mr. J. F. O'Brien's ch h Yabba, aged, 7st 4lb (R. Rogers) ... 0
Mr. W. Gannon's ch h Gatling, 4 years, 7st 2lb (H. Moran) ... 0
Mr. J. Monaghan ns ch h Sir Anthony, aged, 7st 2lb (C. Parker) ... 0
Mr. W. Merthyr's b h Grenadier, 4 years, 6st 9lb (G. Cooper) ... 0
Mr. H. V. Foy ns ch m Skittles, 5 years, 6st 12lb, including 5lb penalty (H. Conlon) ... 0
Mr. E. E. A. Oatley's br g Kookaburra, 4 years, 6st 5lb, including 5lb penalty (J. Hatch) ... 0

Betting: 3 to 1 v. Highborn, 8 to 1 each v. Sunshine and Sir Anthony, 10 to 1 each v. Yunko, St. Albans II., and Vespasia, 12 to 1 each v. Paris, Prelude, and Albemarle, 15 to 1 v. Helene, 20 to 1 each v. Gatling, Grenadier, and Yabba.

The flag went down to a splendid start, and Highborn close to the rails, and Yunko and Albemarle in the centre, obtained a slight advantage, whilst St. Albans II., Sunshine, and Grenadier also got well away. Highborn led St. Albans II. a head past the stand, while Albemarle and Sunshine were scarcely half a length away, with Gatling on the extreme left and Paris and Helene last. After the tan had been crossed, Highborn was steadied, and Gatling, on the outside, took up a slight command from St. Albans II., Sunshine, Sir Anthony, and Highborn. As they raced past Oxenham's house Gatling retired, and St. Albans II. was left at the front attended by Sunshine, on whom Schaaf was already at work to keep the weak-hearted bearer of the "blue and straw" in his place. At the end of another furlong the pace mended considerably, and when fairly opposite the stand St. Albans II. was just clear from Sunshine and St. Blaize, who were closely followed by Corsican, Sir Anthony, Sunshine, Vespasia, and Magnus. As they topped the rising ground and past the sheds St. Blaize was almost on terms with St. Albans II., and while Sunshine retired Paris, Vespasia, Magnus and Highborn began to get a little closer to the leaders. When well past the half-mile post St. Blaize suddenly left the front, and Vespasia and Paris settled down to catch St. Albans II., but St. Blaize appeared to interfere with Paris, and he beat a hasty retreat. St. Albans II. just managed to turn the home corner from Vespasia, but before the distance was reached the mare had him in difficulties, and, fairly outracing him, worried him down in the run home, and won comfortably by three-quarters of a length from St. Albans II. Magnus was nearly four lengths away, and was closely followed by Highborn, Sunshine, Kookaburra, and Albemarle, and then came Helene, Yunko, Paris, St. Blaize, Skittles, Sir Anthony, Yabba, Vain Hope, Gatling, and Grenadier, with Corsican and Prelude last. Time, 2 minutes 37¾ seconds.

The following is a list of placed horses for the

A. J. C. SUMMER CUP—1½ mile.

Yr.	First.	Second.	Third.	Time.
1880	Milbrodale	Strathearn	Hesperian	2.38
1881	Trump Voss	Valetta	Bathurst	2.37
1882	The Gem	Morpeth	Sardonyx	2.40
1883	Sloth	Coriolanus	Sardonyx	2.39
1884	Brown and Rose	Lord Clifton	Merlin	2.40
1885	Tempe	Cerise and Blue	Ben Bolt	2.39
1886	Dagobert	Myall King	Kitawa	2.39
1887	Vespasia	The Queen	Acme	2.38¾
1888	Carlingan	Willeroo	Dilisk	2.41¼
1889	Lava	Bonnie Spec	Magnus	2.40¼
1890	Stockwell	Vespasia	Pretty Kate	2.36
1891	Vespasia	St. Albans II.	Magnus	2.37¾

NURSERY HANDICAP of 200 sovs., with a sweepstake of 5 sovs. each for starters; second horse 50 sovs. from the prize; for two-year-olds; winner of December Stakes to carry 10lb penalty—5 furlongs.

Mr. E. Keys's b c Ruenalf, by Grand Flaneur—Olga, 7st 12lb (H. Moran) ... 1
Mr. H. C. Dangar's b c Attalus, by Welcome Jack (N.Z.)—Signora (imp.), 8st 4lb (Nerricker) ... 2
Mr. J. B. Clark's b c Arquebus, by Martini-Henri—Acme, 8st 8lb (E. Huxley) ... 3
Mr. E. E. A. Oatley's b c Machinist, by Goldsbrough—Little Wanzer, 8st 12lb (John Gough) ... 0
Hon. D. S. Wallace's b f Winda, by Henchman—Lady Lilliard, 8st 6lb (M. Harris) ... 0
Mr. John Chaafe ns bl f Queensborough, by Kingsborough—Feu d'Artifice, 8st (P. Chaafe) ... 0
Mr. John Chaafe ns br f Doto, by Clieveden—Maid of Lake, 8st (J. Chaafe) ... 0
Mr. T. Lamond ns ch f Albercore, by Splendor (imp.)—Sea Swallow (imp.), 7st 10lb (C. Steeper) ... 0
Mr. J. Monaghan ns b f Money Spinner, by Epigram (imp.)—Millie, 7st 10lb (C. Parker) ... 0
Hon. W. A. Long ns b f Rivula, by Welcome Jack—Miriam, 7st 8lb (Farrell) ... 0
Mr. W. Forrester's b f Fashion, by Henchman—Dolly Varden, 7st (R. Gough) ... 0

Betting: 6 to 4 v. Arquebus, 5 to 2 v. Attalus, 5 to 1 v. Albercore, 10 to 1 v. others.

As soon as they settled down Ruenalf took up the running and, forcing it at a great pace, at once established a very strong lead. Attalus and Arquebus settled down after him at the distance, but though the gap was reduced they quite failed to get on anything like terms, and the son of Grand Flaneur won easily by four lengths from Attalus, who had Arquebus at his girths, and then succeeded Rivula, Albercore, Money Spinner, Winda, Fashion, Machinist, Queensborough, and Doto. Time, 1 minute 3 seconds.

A. J. C. HANDICAP, a handicap sweepstakes of 5 sovs. each for starters, with 250 sovs. added; second horse 50 sovs. from the prize; for three-year-olds and upwards. The winner of any handicap after the declaration of weights to carry 10lb extra—1½ mile.

Mr. J. T. Suna's br f Confidence, by Sardonyx—First Love, 3 years, 6st 2lb, inc. 2lb over (T. M'Carthy) ... 1
Mr. J. B. Clark's b g Empire, by Chester—Queen of Nations, 4 years, 6st 11lb (T. Liddiard) ... 2
Mr. W. R. Royds ns b m Novice, by Fisherman—Illumination, 6 years, 7st (H. Moran) ... 3
Mr. E. Key's b h Bendigo, 6 years, 8st 4lb (M. Harris) ... 0
Mr. E. Mayo's br g Barraba, 5 or 6 years, 8st (T. Kelly) ... 0
Mr. J. Allsop ns br g Carlist, 4 years, 7st 7lb (M. Ryan) ... 0
Mr. W. Gannon's br h Ethelbert, 4 years, 7st 7lb (J. Gainsford) ... 0
Mr. J. F. O'Brien's b h Wandsworth, 6 years, 7st 4lb (R. Rogers) ... 0
Mr. J. Roarty ns b h Commissioner, 6 years, 7st (C. Parker) ... 0
Mr. W. Duggan ns ch h Hegira (late Farewell), 4 years, 6st 11lb (J. Hawley) ... 0
Mr. J. C. Booth's br f Brown Bess, 3 years, 6st 9lb (W. Dugdale) ... 0
Mr. W. Kenny ns b c Juan, 3 years, 6st 7lb (J. Tierney) ... 0
Mr. W. Kelso ns ch g Komisch, aged, 6st 7lb (E. Schaaf) ... 0

Betting: 3 to 1 v. Novice, 4 to 1 v. Ethelbert, 6 to 1 v. Brown Bess, 7 to 1 v. Confidence, 10 to 1 v. any other.

A very good start left Brown Bess at the front, but she soon gave place to Empire, who, with Confidence in attendance, showed the way past Oxenham. A little further on Confidence took up the running with great determination, and rattled along the far side of the course three lengths clear from Epsom, who was about a length in advance of Novice. Bendigo made a feeble effort to approach the leader when half a mile from home, but she shook him off and sailed home a very comfortable winner by three lengths and a half, leaving Empire to defeat Novice by a neck for second place; while Komisch was at the favourite's girths, followed by Brown Bess, Hegira, Commissioner, Juan, and Wandsworth, with Bendigo last. Time, 2 minutes 10¼ seconds.

LILLIE BRIDGE TROTTING AND PONY RACE MEETING.

The regular trotting and race meeting under the management of the Lillie Bridge authorities was held at the grounds, Forest Lodge, on Saturday evening, and attracted a good attendance. The weather was beautifully fine, the track in good order, and the sport passed off successfully. The results are as under:—

BOXING HANDICAP of 10 sovs. (13.1), 3 furlongs.—Mr. J. English's gr m Nana, 6st 10lb (Cavanagh), 1. Other starters: Sinbad, 8st 11lb; Do Less, 7st 9lb; Snowstorm, 6st 12lb; Little Bernie, 6st 10lb. Betting: 2 to 1 each v. Do Less and Nana, 3 to 1 bar two. Won comfortably. Time, 48 seconds.

WELCOME HANDICAP of 10 sovs. (13.3), 5 furlongs.—Mr. J. English's b g Playboy (late Gresford), aged, 8st 3lb (Cavanagh), 1. Other starters: Fairy Boy, 10st 7lb; Little May, 7st 2lb; Florrie, 7st; Everlasting, 6st 7lb. Betting: 6 to 4 v. Fairy Boy, 2 to 1 v. Playboy, 4 to 1 bar two. Won easily. Time, 1 minute 16½ seconds.

SUMMER HANDICAP of 10 sovs. (12.3), ½-mile.—Mr. W. Verhay's b m Ladybird, 7st 12lb (Cavanagh), 1. Other starters: Hazeldean, 7st; Whiteface, 6st 12lb; Little Charley, 6st. Betting: Even money on Hazeldean, 6 to 4 v. Ladybird, 3 to 1 v. Whiteface. Won by a length. Time, 1 minute 1½ second.

HOLLY HANDICAP of 10 sovs. (13.1), ½-mile.—Mr. C. M'Keown's g g Oxide, 4 years, 6st 2lb (Smith), 1. Other starters: Thelia, 8st 3lb; Ellen, 8st; Essex, 7st 9lb; Guilderoy, 7st 2lb; Ruby, 6st. Betting: Even money on Thelia, 2 to 1 v. Oxide. Won easily. Time, 1 minute 1 second.

TIME HANDICAP TROT of 10 sovs., 2 miles.—Mr. P. Kiefer's b g Butcher Boy, aged, 5 seconds behind (Lawler), 1. Other starters: Norrie, scratch; Jack and Dolly, 3 seconds; Florence K. and Winnie K., 5 seconds; Cleveland, 7 seconds; Statesman and Lady Grace, 10 seconds. Betting: Even money on Statesman. Won easily. Time, 6 minutes 10 seconds.

AUSTRALIAN JOCKEY CLUB.

Subjoined is the programme to be played out at Randwick to-day:—

THE HURDLE RACE—2 miles.

	st	lb		st	lb		st	lb
Fog	11	3	Cobar	10	2	Frantic	9	5
Satyr	11	0	Grandson	10	0	Bosworth II.	9	5
Rocklands	10	11	Cascade	10	0	Bella	9	3
Rushlight	10	9	Silvershot	9	11	Donnel	9	3
Vesphane	10	7	The Mason	9	9	Clarence	9	8
General Gordon	10	4	Scone	9	7	Eurolgi	9	0

THE SURPRISE STAKES—6 furlongs.

Too Soon	8	12	Nonsense	7	11	Little Lady	7	8
Marcelette	8	10	Confidence	7	9	Bliss	7	0
Theodore	8	8	Eileen	7	6	Mercurious	7	0
Mitre	8	8	Avenger	7	9	Ilander	6	11
Fernanda	8	6	Vain Hope	7	7	Isaac	6	9
Oxenham	8	6	Brown Bess	7	7	Creeper	6	9
Affiance	8	4	The Pet Girl	7	7	Brightlight	6	7
Novice	8	4	Whirlwind	7	7	Marabo	6	7
Babel	8	2	Arquebus	7	4	Chorus	6	4
Sir Anthony	8	2	Sophietta	7	4	Lord Jersey	6	4
Autonomy	8	0	Lady Lingar	7	4	Money Spinner	6	0
Messenger	8	0	Juan	7	2			
The Markee	7	11	Danton	7	2	Terence	6	0
Kookaburra	7	11						

MUTUAL SELLING RACE.—7 furlongs.

Rosstellan, £75	8	8	Fraud II., £25	7	7	Hugo, £25	7	7
Barraba, £50	7	12	Marlborough,			Re, £25	7	5
Escort, £50	7	12	£25	7	7	The Gift, £25	7	5
Oroya, £25	7	7	Volcano, £25	7	7	Creeper, £25	7	5
Reverston, £25	7	7	Fortune, £25	7	7	Adelaide, £25	6	8
Thorndon, £25	7	7	Komisch, £25	7	7	Lady Helen,		
Charlie, £25	7	7	Hornpipe, £25	7	7	£25	6	8

THE STEEPLECHASE.—About 2½ miles.

Australasian	11	3	Caledonian	10	9	Maud	10	7
Bushman	11	0	Grandwing	10	7	Rocklands	9	10
Grafton	10	11	Singleton	10	3	Clarence	9	0

THE CHRISTMAS HANDICAP—5 furlongs.

Moonray	9	3	Vangrave	8	4	Limerick	7	10
Donation	9	0	Isaac	8	2	Money Spin-		
Ruenalf	8	12	Winton	8	2	ner	7	7
Attalus	8	10	Mawara	8	0	Queensbor'gh	7	5
Machinist	8	7	Winda	8	0	Doto	7	3
Bliss	8	4	Melodia	7	12	Fashion	7	0

THE HOLIDAY HANDICAP—1 mile 3 furlongs.

Paris	9	0	Jack	7	9	Wandsworth	7	0
Prelude	8	9	Albemarle	7	9	Silver		
St. Albans II.	8	7	Alchemist	7	7	Knight	6	11
Hero	8	4	Sir Anthony	7	7	Hegira	6	11
Vespasia	8	2	Babel	7	4	The Pet Girl	6	9
Forty Winks	8	0	Ethelbert	7	4	Brown Bess	6	9
Bendigo	8	0	Yabba	7	4	Juan	6	7
Sligo	8	0	Empire	7	2	Emin Pasha	6	7
Rover	7	11	Rebel	7	2	Little Lady	6	4
Magnus	7	11	Sweetbit	7	2	Belle Dame	6	0
Helene	7	9	Grenadier	7	0			

SYDNEY DRIVING PARK CLUB.

The following entries were received on Saturday for the meeting which takes place under the management of the above club on Wednesday next:—

NURSERY HANDICAP (12.3 and under), ½ mile.—Carrie, Clytie, Eufelice, Lady Jersey, Little Bernie, Xmas Box, Nymph, Playboy, Woodlawn, Lily.

PONY HANDICAP (14.1 and under), 5 furlongs.—Green Boy, Dreadnought, Cranmore, Miss Dirl, Doris, Little Chap, Pet Girl, Venice, Alwvina, Spondulix, Phyllis, Poppett.

TIME HANDICAP TROT, 2 miles.—Jack (saddle), Canary (harness), Annesaux D'or (harness), Statesman (saddle), Alameda (harness), Lady Grace (saddle), Darkie (saddle), No Name (saddle).

UNIQUE SELLING RACE, ½ mile and 50 yards.—Encore (nil), Lone Hand (nil), Mistake (nil), Spondulix (nil).

BYLONG HANDICAP (13.3 and under), 4 furlongs 50 yards.—Lilydale, Arkaba, Adella, Wonder, Bon-my-Cree, Bonnie Lad, Correze, King, Rosina.

FLYING WELTER HANDICAP (14.2 and under), 5 furlongs.—Roué (late Rainbow), Miss Gladstone, Miss Dirl, Little Chap, Carlton, Humbug, Keepsake, Alwvina.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]
(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS.)

V. A. T. C. RACE MEETING.

MELBOURNE, SUNDAY.

The Boxing Day Meeting of the V. A. T. C. at Caulfield was very largely attended, and was favoured with magnificent weather. Amongst the visitors were Mr. John Robinson, Sheriff of Nottingham, and also the members of the Commercial Travellers' and Warehousemen's Association of South Australia, who are visiting Melbourne. The following are the results:—

HANDICAP HURDLE—about 2 miles.
Mr. J. O'Loughlin's Drilldool (Lewis) ... 1
Mr. J. Cohen's Duval (Brewer) ... 2
Mr. W. R. Wilson's Sultan (Ferguson) ... 3
Other starters: Sundowner, Knight of the Garter, Kimberley, Wairua.
Betting: 5 to 4 v. Sundowner, 4 to 1 v. Knight of the Garter, 6 to 1 v. Drilldool, Sultan, Duval, 10 to 1 v. others. Won by two lengths, Sultan a length away. Time, 3 minutes 49¼ seconds.

JUVENILE STAKES—5 furlongs.
Mr. J. Hersey's Meli (Morrison) ... 1
Mr. R. M. Turner's Insomnia (Lewis) ... 2
Mr. M. Jacob's Rosalind (Trainor) ... 3
Other starters: Brotherton, St. Denis.
Betting: 6 to 4 v. Meli and Insomnia, 10 to 1 bar two. Won by six lengths, a similar distance between second and third. Time, 1 minute 6½ seconds.

HOPETOUN CUP—1½ mile and a distance.
Mr. W. R. Wilson's Pygmalion (Cusdin) ... 1
Mr. J. Turnbull's Tantalon (Power) ... 2
Mr. G. Davis's Dramatist, including 6lb penalty (Lee) ... 3
Other starters: Tirailleur, Benzon, Tarcoola, Buttons, Lady Superior, Lapstone, Alcinous, Sadim, Carrington, Ascot Vale, The Magistrate, Tea Rose, Little Maid, Bodkin.
Betting: 3 to 1 v. Pygmalion, Ascot Vale, 8 to 1 v. Tantalon. Won by a length and a half, Dramatist a length away. Time, 2 minutes 24¼ seconds.

SELLING RACE—5 furlongs.
Mr. C. Carter's Tyras (Davies) ... 1
Mr. J. Cohen's Martha (Banvard) ... 2
Mr. E. Power's Teuton (Maybin) ... 3
Other starters: Ginger, The Loon, The Jester, Olive, Foxtail.
Betting: 5 to 2 v. Foxtail, 4 to 1 v. The Jester, 6 to 1 v. Olive, Martha, Tyras. Won by a length and a half, Teuton two lengths away. Time, 1 minute 4½ seconds. The winner was bought in at 80 sovs.

HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE—2½ miles.
Mr. D. Yates's Schoolboy (Twomey) ... 1
Mr. H. Jackson's Queenslander (Cotton) ... 2
Mr. S. Griffith's Belle Swiveller (Barbon) ... 3
Other starters: Chemist, Blister, Elton, Glenview, King Tom II., Egyptian, Echo.
Betting: 3 to 1 v. Elton and Blister, 6 to 1 v. Glenview, Queenslander, Schoolboy, 10 to 1 v. others. Won by a length, Belle Swiveller a head away. Glenview, Echo, Egyptian, and King Tom II. fell during the race. Time, 5 minutes 10¼ seconds.

MALVERN HANDICAP—6 furlongs.
Mr. W. R. Wilson's Pygmalion, including 8lb penalty (Cusdin) ... 1
Mr. J. T. Carslake's Cooramin (O'Neill) ... 2
Mr. J. Paterson's Epi (Whitty) ... 3
Other starters: Little Shamrock, Damask, Radoo, Labour, Medjidie, Skiff, Red Cross, Leyland, Yarmen, Mulgrove, Red Rose II. (late Red Rose).
Betting: 6 to 4 v. Pygmalion, 3 to 1 v. Radoo, 10 to 20 to 1 bar two. Won by three lengths, Epi a neck away. Time, 1 minute 15 seconds.

The following stakes were won at the meeting of the V.A.T.C.:—Mr. W. R. Wilson, £464; Mr. J. Hersey, £255; Mr. D. Yates, £230; Mr. J. O'Loughlin, £196; Mr. A. Lawler, £150; Mr. H. H. Jackson, £50; Mr. J. Turnbull, £50; Mr. R. M. Turner, £50; Mr. L. Davis, £25; Mr. J. Cohen, £25; Mr. J. T. Carslake, £25; Mr. M. Jacobs, £20. Total, £1540.

PORT ADELAIDE RACES.

ADELAIDE, SUNDAY.

The Port Adelaide races took place yesterday. The weather was fine, and there was a large attendance. The following are the results:—

HURDLES, 1½ mile.—Teddington, by Horatio, 11st (Reed), 1; Carribee, 9st (Bissett), 2; Beldemonia, 9st (Hughes), 3. Nine ran. Betting: 6 to 4 on Bonita, 3 to 1 v. Teddington. Won by two lengths, a moderate third. Time, 3 minutes 5 seconds.

TROT.—Maude, 1; Chance, 2; Wanda, 3.

CHRISTMAS HANDICAP, 1 mile.—Lou, by Englishman—Sybil, 8st 2lb (Foon), 1; Gulliver, 8st (Bowes), 2; Simpleton, 9st (Burns), 3. Eleven ran. Betting: 6 to 4 v. Gulliver, 2 to 1 v. Lou, 6 to 1 v. Enterprise and Madoc, 10 to 1 v. others. Won by three parts of a length, a fair third. Time, 1 minute 47 seconds.

AUCTION STAKES, ½ mile.—Scatterfield, by Monthorpe—Colleen Bawn (Hodgkins), 1; Clyde (Hill), 2; Defamer (M. Quin), 3. Twelve ran. Betting: 2 to 1 v. Defamer, 3 to 1 v. Tormentor, 4 to 1 v. Florrie Brown, 6 to 1 v. Broker and Blink Bonny. Won by a length, a good third. Time, 52½ seconds.

STEEPLECHASE, 2 miles and a quarter.—Rover, by Viceroy, 10st 7lb (Reed), 1; Edom O. Gordon, 10st 4lb (Beauchamp), 2; Sugar, 10st 10lb (Malone), 3. Seven ran. Betting: 5 to 2 v. Sugar, 3 to 1 each Rover and Edom O. Gordon, 4 to 1 v. Prince Rupert. Won by six lengths, a bad third. Time, 4 minutes 57 seconds.

FLYING HANDICAP, 5 furlongs.—Tinstream, by Gang Forward—Tinfinder, 8st 4lb (Foon), 1; Da Capo, 7st 9lb (Hodgkins), 2; Precipice, 7st 9lb (M. Quin), 3. 12 ran. Betting: Even v. Tinstream, 5 to 1 v. Da Capo, 5 to 1 v. Precipice. Won by half a length, a fair third. Time, 1 minute 4¼ seconds.

SOUTH GRAFTON RACES.

GRAFTON, SATURDAY.

At the South Grafton Races the attendance numbered about 1000. The utmost good order prevailed, and the course was in splendid order. The management was good, and the racing moderate. The results were:—

OPENING HANDICAP, 6 furlongs.—Mr. Joe Rush's c m Millie, 8st 1lb, 1; Mr. T. H. Smith's ch f Beta, 3 years, 8st 3lb, 2; Mr. F. Brown's ch c Scratch, 2 years, 5... There were the only starters. Beta was a strong favourite at 2 to 1 on. When it came to racing she had no chance with Millie, who won easily by four lengths. Time, 1 minute 20½ seconds.

HACK RACE, 1 mile.—Mr. J. Williams ns ch g Drummer Boy, aged, 8st 13lb, 1; Mr. J. Ward's ch g Merksworth, aged, 8st 13lb, 2; Mr. J. T. Foran's b m Olivera, 4 years, 8st 5lb, 3. The other starters were: Lady Vandah, Yately, Folly. Won easily in 1 minute 47½ seconds.

HURRY SCURRY RACE, 6 furlongs.—Mr. T. O'Maley's blk g Barber, aged, Mr. M. Quinn's blk m Black Swan, aged, dead heat; Mr. M. J. Sheehan's g g Cange, 3. 10 started. An excellent finish resulted. For the dead heat, Black Swan won the run off.

SOUTHAMPTON HANDICAP, 1 mile.—Mr. M. Rush's br g Sailor, aged, 7st 12lb, 1; Mr. T. H. Smith's Beta, 8st 9lb, 2; Mr. W. M'Gregor's br m Kathleen, 4 years, 7st 7lb, 3. The other starters were Brisbane, Norman, and Sequent. Beta got the best away and led for half a mile when Sailor ran up. The pair raced together for a quarter of a mile, but Sailor entered the straight with the race well in hand and won by three lengths from Beta, who was half a length in front of Kathleen, Brisbane, who got away badly, fourth.

SOVEREIGN HANDICAP, 1 mile 1 chain.—Mr. J. Walker's b m Folly, aged, 7st 13lb, 1; Mr. A. Amos's b g Teddy O'Neil, aged, 7st 5lb, 2; Mr. W. Roach's ch g Elastic, 7st 7lb, 3. Confidence also started. Won easily.

CHRISTMAS HANDICAP, 1 mile 1 chain.—Mr. M. Donohoe's b g Brisbane, aged, by Saunterer—Queensland, 8st 5lb, 1; Mr. W. M'Gregor's b m Kathleen, 4 years, 8st 7lb, 2; Mr. J. Williams's ch g Drummer Boy, aged, 7st 10lb. Drummer Boy made the play for the greater part of the distance, Kathleen, Sailor, and Brisbane challenged the leader at the straight turn, and a splendid race was won by two lengths, Drummer Boy being a good third. Time, 1 minute 51 seconds.

WALLSEND JOCKEY CLUB.

NEWCASTLE, SUNDAY.

The Wallsend Jockey Club commenced its Christmas Meeting yesterday on the Wallsend Racecourse. The attendance is believed to be the largest yet known, fully 8000 being present. The weather was splendid throughout the whole of the day. Hundreds of picnic parties scattered all over the course, and the Wallsend Brass Band was in attendance. The proceedings were very successful. Mr. T. Abel and Dr. J. B. Nash ably carried out the duties respectively of judge and starter, and Mr. W. C. Quinton's handicapping gave general satisfaction. The following were the events:—

FLYING HANDICAP, 40 sovs., 6 furlongs.—Mr. J. Roarty's b h Sir Hercules, 4 years, 7st 8lb, 1; Mr. D. Renfrew's b m Thurseneida, 6 years, 6st 8lb, 2; Mr. A. Leonard's b g Butcher Boy, 6 years, 6st 4lb, 3. The other starters were:—Telephone, 8st; Zama, 7st 11lb; Lord Broom, 7st 7lb; Lady Dundas, 7st 10lb; Decimal, 7st 1lb; Gold Spray, 6st 4lb; Barbara Hare, 6st 2lb; Clarina, 6st; Eno, 6st 12lb. Betting: 6 to 4 v. Sir Hercules, 4 to 1 v. Zama and Decimal, 7 to 1 v. the rest. This race is soon described. Sir Hercules led from the start, closely followed by Clarina, Decimal, and Butcher Boy. He was, however, never collared, and won easily by four or five lengths. Time, 1 minute 17½ seconds.

EXCHANGE PLATE, 50 sovs., 7 furlongs.—Mr. P. Markham's b g Yallaroi, aged, 7st 6lb, 1; Mr. G. Croker's ch g Odd Stockings, aged, 7st 6lb, 2. Betting: 3 to 1 on Yallaroi, 2 to 1 v. Odd Stockings. Yallaroi was first to get away, and though Odd Stockings struggled gamely for the premier position, he was unsuccessful, Yallaroi winning by a good length. Time, 1 minute 37 seconds.

TOWN PLATE HANDICAP, 80 sovs., 1 mile.—Mr. P. M'Carthy's ch m Celeritas, 6 years, 6st 6lb, 1; Mr. J. Lynch's ch m Lustre, 5 years, 8st 8lb, 2; Mr. J. Chamber's b g Everistas, 6 years, 6st 2lb, 3. The other starters were Athlotas, 8st 1lb; Semolivor, 8st 1lb; Auctioneer, 7st 8lb; Sir Hercules, 7st 2lb; Lady Dundas, 6st 9lb. Betting: 2 to 1 v. Lustre, 3 to 1 each v. Sir Hercules and Athlotas, 6 to 1 v. Celeritas, 8 to 1 v. the others. There was considerable difficulty in getting a good start, and finally the field got away pretty well together, Auctioneer and Celeritas being in command, and Sir Hercules and Athlotas close up. They kept this order, Auctioneer gaining slightly till nearing the back of the course, when Celeritas put on a spurt and led for some distance into the straight, when Lustre made a good effort for command, and a splendid race home ensued between these two, Celeritas finally winning by half a neck, amidst cheers; Everistas was a good third. Time, 1 minute 45 seconds.

BOROUGH HANDICAP, 50 sovs., 7 furlongs; second horse 5 sovs. from the prize; for all horses who had not won a prize of the value of 45 sovs. at the time of entrance.—Mr. B. Lenehan's b h Lord Broom, 6 years, 7st 5lb, 1; Mr. A. Leonard's b g Butcher Boy, aged, 6st 2lb, 2; Mr. H. Kenny's br h Barnaby Rudge, 4 years, 7st 11lb, 3. The other starters were:—Cassandra, 7st; Little Mab, 6st 4lb; Kathleen, 6st 2lb; Grandeaux, 6st 2lb. Betting: Even on Barnaby Rudge, 2 to 1 v. Little Mab, 4 to 1 v. Butcher Boy, 5 to 1 v. the rest. The flag fell to a good start, Butcher Boy, leading, kept this position till approaching the grand stand, where Lord Broom and Barnaby Rudge each made desperate attempts to pass him. Lord Broom succeeded, and came in a winner by a length. There was the same distance separating Butcher Boy and Barnaby Rudge. Time, 1 minute 32 seconds.

SELLING HACK RACE, 10 sovs., 6 furlongs.—Mr. H. O'Connor's b g Wonderful, 6 years, 8st 13lb, 1; Mr. J. Hanlon's b m Priscilla, 5 years, 8st 11lb, 2; Mr. J. D. Wilson's g m Infelice, 3 years, 7st 13lb, 3. Betting: Even on Priscilla, 6 to 1 v. Wonderful, 3 to 1 v. rest. Wonderful and Priscilla got away together from a good start, and kept side by side till nearing the straight. Infelice closing up turning into the straight, and Wonderful took command and was not overtaken, beating Priscilla by a good length. Time, 1 minute 30 seconds. The winner was sold for £14.

WELTER HANDICAP, 50 sovs., 1 mile.—Mr. T. Cash's b h Tim, aged, 8st, 1; Mr. E. Chippendale's b m Narrara, 5 years, 8st 10lb, 2; Mr. D. Renfrew's b m Thurseneida, 6 years, 8st 6lb, 3. The other starters were: Explosion, 11st 8lb; Yallaroi, 10st 8lb; Zama, 10st 2lb; Odd Stockings, 9st 2lb; Decimal, 8st 12lb; Topsy, 8st 2lb; Glendor, 8st. Betting: Even on Narrara, 4 to 1 v. Tim, 5 to 1 v. Thurseneida, 7 to 10 to 1 v. the rest. Some time was lost in getting them off, Decimal being left at the post. Glendor succeeded in forcing his way through the ruck, and led for a considerable distance, with Thurseneida, Narrara, and Tim on his quarters. Presently Thurseneida made bold to try for command, and led past the gates into the straight, and a good race home took place. Tim and Narrara both shot past Thurseneida and ran neck and neck for almost the rest of the distance, but Tim put on a tremendous spurt when about 20 yards from the judge's box, and managed to win by half a length. Time, 1 minute 21 seconds.

IPSWICH RACING CLUB.

BRISBANE, SUNDAY.

The Ipswich Racing Club held its summer meeting on Saturday. There was a fair attendance. The racing was good. The principal event, the Ipswich Turf Club Handicap, resulted as follows:—Splendide, 1; Piora, 2; Pirate, 3. Four others ran. Won easily by six lengths. Time, 2 minutes 14 seconds. Splendide was the favourite.

AUCKLAND SUMMER MEETING.

AUCKLAND, SATURDAY.

The Auckland Summer Meeting commenced to-day. The following were the events:—

AUCKLAND CUP, 2 miles.—Pinfire, 8st 10lb, 1; Coalscuttle, 6st 9lb, 2; The Dreamer, 7st, 3. There were seven starters. The race was won by a length. Time, 3 minutes 32¼ seconds.

LITHGOW JOCKEY CLUB.

LITHGOW, SATURDAY.

The Lithgow Jockey Club's Christmas Meeting came off to-day on the local course. The weather was beautifully fine and warm, and the attendance was very considerable. Five events were contested, the following being the result:—

OPENING HANDICAP, 6 furlongs.—Mr. Piper's Sertum, 7st 4lb, 1; Mr. Yeoman's King, 7st 6lb, 2. Mr. Little's Ettie and Coxcomb were the only other starters. At the finish it was a close race between Sertum and King for the first place, the former winning by half a neck. Time, 1 minute 18 seconds.

SELLING PLATE of 7 furlongs.—Mr. Piper's Counterfeit, 1; Mr. Tucker's Second King, 2. Mr. Yeoman's Wimbledon also started. Won easily. Time, 1 minute 35 seconds.

CHRISTMAS GIFT of 1 mile.—Mr. Piper's Sertum, 7st 2lb, 1; Mr. Yeoman's King, 7st 4lb, 2. Coxcomb was the only other starter. King was running well when he was frightened by a dog, and swerved off the straight, allowing Sertum to come in an easy winner. Time, 1 minute 49½ seconds.

DISTRICT HALF-MILE HACK RACE.—For this race six started, and after a close race Mr. Riddle's pony won, with Mr. Bryant's Blaxland second. Time, 53½ seconds.

VISITORS' HANDICAP.—Mr. Cousin's Linnett, 8st 12lb, 1; Mr. Piper's Sertum, 7st 10lb, 2. The Coxcomb also started. Linnett won easily, hard held. Time, 2 minutes 5 seconds.

PARKES JOCKEY CLUB.

PARKES, SATURDAY.

The races under the auspices of the Parkes Jockey Club were a great success, and there was good racing. The attendance was about 1200.

The following were the events:—

HURDLE RACE.—Albury, 1; Post Boy, 2; Sovereign, 3. Won easily.

SHORTS HANDICAP.—Jupiter, 1; Sylvia, 2; Harvest King, 3. 5 started; good race. Won by half a length.

BOXING DAY HANDICAP.—Puriety, 1; Lapidist, 2; Fairy Burn, 3. Good race, Puriety winning by two lengths.

WELTER HANDICAP.—Cricket, 1; Sylvia, 2; Unslopagas, 3. Won by two lengths. Six started.

FLYING HANDICAP.—Lapidist, 1; Puriety, 2; Jupiter, 3. Six started. This was a splendid race. Won by a short head, and Jupiter was a neck away for third.

HANDICAP TROT.—Bones (15 seconds behind), 1; Thunder (45 seconds behind), 2. Twelve started. Won by 50 yards, easily.

WINGECARRIBBEE DISTRICT TURF CLUB.

MOSS VALE, SATURDAY.

Beautiful weather prevailed during the holidays. The annual summer meeting of the Wingecarribbee District Turf Club took place at Bong Bong Picnic Course on Boxing Day. There was a large attendance of spectators. Good fields started in every race. The officials were:—Judge, Mr. P. H. Throsby; starter, Mr. A. D. Badgery; clerk of course, Mr. F. H. Throsby; clerk of scales, Mr. H. Wiles; timekeeper, Mr. W. Grogan; secretary, Mr. A. B. Young. The placed horses were as follow:—

FLYING HANDICAP.—Messrs. Tatlow and Moss's Lady Phryne, 1; Mr. W. Booth's Sparkle, 2; Mr. W. A. Trevarthen's Tatta, 3.

WINGECARRIBBEE HANDICAP, 1¼ mile.—Mr. J. M'Alister's Rosethorn, 1; Mr. J. Miller's Watchlight, 2; Mr. W. Booth's Dampier, 3. Time, 2 minutes 43 seconds.

SELLING RACE, 1 mile.—Mr. R. Gilmore's Wonder, 1; Mr. W. R. Trevarthen's Tatta, 2; Mr. J. Miller's Bambo, 3. Time, 1 minute 50 seconds. A protest entered against Wonder for running at an unregistered pony meeting at Wollongong, was upheld, and the race was awarded to Tatta.

HACK HANDICAP, 1 mile.—Mr. W. Gregin's Jessie, 1; Mr. A. Crawley's Jack's Yarn, 2; Mr. C. Harris's Rosebelle, 3. Time, 1 minute 53½ seconds.

FAREWELL HANDICAP, 1 mile.—Mr. W. Booth's Sparkle, 1; Mr. J. Bruce's Ariadne, 2; Mr. J. M'Alister's Rosethorn, 3. Time, 1 minute 44 seconds.

PONY RACES AT GLEN INNES.

GLEN INNES, SATURDAY.

The pony races held on the racecourse to-day were largely attended, and proved a success, financially and otherwise. The fields were large, and the racing first-class. The results were:—

MAIDEN PLATE.—Daisy, 1; Euston, 2. Eight started.
MIDGET STAKES.—Do-dah, 1; Christmas Box, 2.
GALLOWAY RACE.—Goat, 1; Target, 2; Euston, 3.
WIND-UP HANDICAP.—Goat, 1; Daisy, 2.

CRICKET AT GOULBURN.

GOULBURN, SATURDAY.

The weather was perfect to-day. The only town event was the cricket match, Emeriti Club v. Local Union. The visitors made 222, Robison and Vallack scoring 45 each, Hopkins 30, and Crane 29. Goulburn lost five wickets for 135, Donoghue scoring 41, and Finlay not out for 36. The match will be continued on Monday.

KURRAJONG RACES.

WINDSOR, SATURDAY.

Kurrajong Races were held to-day. There was beautiful weather, and the attendance was good. The sport was first-class. The following were the placed horses for the various events:—

FLYING HANDICAP.—Jack the Ripper, 1; Alarm Bell, 2; Red Heart, 3.
SELLING RACE.—Loiterer, 1; Trooper, 2; Sealing-wax, 3.
KURRAJONG HANDICAP.—Revoke, 1; Alarm Bell, 2; Cumbo, 3.
TIME TROT.—Comus, 1; Sir William, 2; Dick, 3.
WELTER RACE.—Revoke, 1; Ventus, 2; Red Heart, 3.

WODONGA RACING CLUB.

ALBURY, SATURDAY.

The Wodonga Racing Club held its annual meeting to-day, with fine weather and a good attendance. The racing was excellent, the finishes being closer than have been seen in this district for some time. The results were as follow:—

MAIDEN PLATE.—Cherrup, 1; Fedora, 2; Rainbow, 3.
HURDLE RACE, 1½ mile.—Usher, 1; Chinaman, 2; Marion, 3. Won by half a length. Time, 3 minutes 2 seconds.
WODONGA HANDICAP, 1½ mile.—Boquet, 1; Target, 2; Roebuck, 3. Won by a head. Time, 2 minutes 16½ seconds.
FARMERS' PURSE.—Someday, 1; Kitan, 2; Allright, 3. Won by a length.
FLYING HANDICAP.—Boquet, 1; Carthagethough, 2; Rainbow, 3. Won by a quarter of a length.

INTERCOLONIAL CRICKET MATCH.

NEW SOUTH WALES v. VICTORIA.

MELBOURNE, SUNDAY.

The annual intercolonial match between Victoria and New South Wales was commenced yesterday on the Melbourne Cricket Ground in beautiful weather. This is the 47th game played, each colony having won 23 matches. Public interest in the match is indicated by the fact that the attendance reached about 12,000, the amount taken at the gates being £452, or about £80 more than last Boxing Day. Amongst the New South Wales visitors was Mr. G. H. Reid, M.L.A., president of the New South Wales Cricket Association. Owing to some trouble about the Victorian team the play was a quarter of an hour late in starting. Moses won the toss from Blackham, and after he, Turner, Garrett, and Bannerman had examined the pitch, the New South Wales captain determined that it was good enough to bat upon. Briscoe and Flynn were umpires. On such a day and on such a wicket there was nothing to prevent the visitors scoring 300 for the day's batting. Bannerman and Donnan led off, and Donnan, not being ready at the start of an over, he stepped back from the wicket. Trumble, who was bowling to him, not only took the wicket but broke one of the bails. The same batsman got a very fluky 2, snicking a ball upon the leg side of the wicket. Blackman made a long reach after it for a catch, but it was too far away altogether. When 18 had been scored there was an appeal by Blackham at the wickets against Bannerman, and some jeering followed by the crowd when Flynn gave "Not out." Some fieldsman close to the wicket said there was no doubt about the catch. Play was slow, and the crowd appealed to the players to put a bit of life into it. Ross relieved Trumble, and a fast one by M'Leod to Donnan was snicked by him close to Trumble's left hand in the slips, low down; but though he touched the ball, he failed to hold it. Donnan had then scored 18. After a long spell of dull play and much more lively criticism, Donnan swung round for a square-leg hit at Ross, and lifted him over the fence for 5. At lunch time Donnan's score stood at 35 and Bannerman's at 16, the total being 51. On continuing play, Trumble and Phillips took up the bowling, and the batting was dull in the extreme. With the score at 65, Phillips clean bowled Bannerman for 23. Moses was the next man. Several bowling changes were made, but the score gradually rose until 87 had been reached, when Donnan snicked one from M'Leod, and Blackham held it. 2-54-87. Turner filled the vacancy. For Turner's off drive Bruce and Worrall were posted in close company at mid-off. The "terror" commenced with two fours off Bruce, Moses being not at all comfortable when facing M'Leod. He played several with evident lack of confidence, and the play was uninteresting at this stage. Turner, however, never got fairly going. He tried to cut one of M'Leod's as it rose, but only slightly touched it, and was caught by Trumble in slips. 3-11-113. Iredale was the next batsman. After the adjournment at 4 o'clock the game continued, but play was still very slow. The next incident was a loud appeal from all the Victorians, and Moses was given out, caught at the wickets by Blackham, 4-25-115. Sid Gregory took the vacant place, and the first ball he got from M'Leod he snicked very close to Trumble in the slips. The fieldsmen all cried "catch him," but the ball was scarcely within Trumble's reach. A really brilliant bit of fielding by Worrall was loudly cheered, but the enthusiasm a moment later became tremendous when a hard drive by Iredale that seemed certain for runs was fielded splendidly by Worrall and just as finely returned to M'Leod at the wicket before Gregory, who was half way down the pitch backing up, could think of turning back for home. 5-5-123. The Victorians were now making far better progress than they had expected. Iredale continued rather abroad against M'Leod's bowling, and Charlton also found him somewhat troublesome. There was a faint chance for a run out at 128, but M'Leod misfielded. Iredale hit Phillips twice to the on, and his next hit seemed close enough to Bruce had that fielder gone for it at once. When he did get the ball he tried to throw down the wicket, and 4 were run for the overthrow. The fielding for a few overs went right off. M'Leod got so close to Charlton's wicket that Blackham stood up believing him bowled. The consequence was that three byes were run, and altogether 11 runs got from an over in which there were at least a couple of good chances for a wicket. M'Leod was taken off at 147, and Trumble put on. Worrall was tried at the other end, and the change was a distinct success, Worrall's fifth ball clean bowling Charlton who had shown batting form of only a middling character. Richardson's arrival made no difference in the rate of run-getting. Iredale put a couple up round about point and slips, but neither close enough to the fieldsmen. Eventually, in trying a hard hit, the batsman sent one high in the air, within reach of half-dozen fieldsmen. Horan and Tarrant went for it, but Horan got the ball. Iredale's innings of 32 runs was on its merits worth about 10, for M'Leod morally bowled him several times, and his play was always streaky. The seventh wicket was down for 163, and Garrett was greeted with loud cheering when he came out. Throughout the day indeed the onlookers left no doubt as to the class of batsmen who had their approval. Garrett showed some of his best style, and at last there was a promise of some lively batting; but the hope was illusive, for he snicked one of M'Leod's in slips and Trumble held a catch. Callaway took his place. Richardson was not afraid to leave his wicket, and his forward play showed more confidence than any other man on his side. Both men played out time. The following are the scores:—

NEW SOUTH WALES.—First Innings.

A. C. Bannerman, b Phillips	23
H. Donnan, c Blackham, b M'Leod	54
H. Moses, c Blackham, b Phillips	25
C. T. B. Turner, c Trumble, b M'Leod	11
F. Iredale, c Horan, b Trumble	32
S. Gregory, run out	5
P. C. Charlton, b Worrall	5
W. Richardson, not out	12
T. Garrett, c Trumble, b M'Leod	10
T. Callaway, not out	6
Byes	8
Total, eight wickets for	191

CRICKET.

The following matches were played on Saturday:—

The Intercolonial Junior match between New South Wales and Victoria was continued on the Agricultural Society's Ground. When play ceased on Friday, the Victorians had been disposed of in their first innings for 162, and New South Wales had scored 43 for the loss of two wickets. Play being resumed, Parfitt and Austin, the not out men, continued their innings, Crystal and Kelly going on with the bowling. Very few runs had been added before Parfitt was clean bowled by Kelly for 16. Austin continued to bat fairly well until he had reached 19, when he attempted to hit Crystal, but did not succeed, and his wicket fell. The rest of the innings was little better than a rout until Rush and Wills got together, and carried the score from 84 to 111. Wills was bowled at that stage of the game by Hannah, and the innings terminated. Crystal bowled in excellent form for the Victorians, his six wickets costing only 65 runs. A. Fox and M'Carthy opened the second innings of the Victorians, who had a lead of 51 runs, Wills and Barton taking up the bowling. The beginning was an unfortunate one for the visitors, as Fox was caught out after scoring 5, and his successor, Speary, was dismissed in the same way with only a couple to his credit. M'Carthy and T. Fox carried the total to 31, when the former was caught out, and the remaining batsmen then completely beat the bowling. Fox, Kelly, and E. Rush scored 44, 25, and 49 respectively, and Mailer and Evans getting together brought the total to 227 for six wickets, Mailer being 55 not out, and Evans 29 not out. The healths of the two teams were warmly drunk at luncheon. The match will be resumed at noon to-day. The following are the scores:—

NEW SOUTH WALES.—First Innings.

A. Deane, c Crystal, b Kelly	20
S. Smith, lbw, b Crystal	1
J. Parfitt, b Kelly	16
S. Austin, b Crystal	19
R. Ironsides, c Evans, b Hannah	9
F. Hogan, b Crystal	4
S. Bowden, c M'Carthy, b Crystal	4
R. Beavis, b Crystal	0
H. Rush, not out	20
W. Barton, c Mailer, b Crystal	0
G. Wills, b Hannah	11
Sundries	7
	111

Bowling Analysis.—Kelly, 2 wickets for 27; Crystal, 6 for 65; Hannah, 2 for 11.

VICTORIA.—First Innings, 162.
Second Innings.

A. Fox, c Barton, b Wills	5
J. M'Carthy, c Hogan, b Bowden	7
R. Speary, c Smith, b Wills	2
T. Fox, c Smith, b Austin	44
R. Kelly, lbw, b Austin	25
E. Rush, st. Deane, b Austin	49
R. Mailer, not out	55
J. Evans, not out	29
Sundries	11
Total for six wickets	227

A mixed team of the I Zingari Club played Manly A at Manly on Boxing Day, the latter winning. Scores:—

MANLY A.

A. Hayes, c and b Halligan	56	Strickland, not out	56
H. Woods, b C. Lloyd	51	S. Ridge, run out	10
F. Ridge, run out	6	E. Ridge, b Docker	22
T. Smith, c and b Docker	12	Sundries	4
W. Fraser, run out	10		
O. Rawson, lbw, b Docker	13	Innings closed, 8 wickets for	[illegible]

I ZINGARI (MIXED TEAM).

A. Eden, c. and b S. Ridge	19	L. T. Lloyd, st and b S. Ridge	1
W. B. Fairfax, c and b F. Ridge	47	R. Blackmore, b F. Ridge	6
H. H. Barton, c and b S. Ridge	0	C. Lloyd, c and b S. Ridge	5
C. C. Byrie, st and c S. Ridge	5	P. Rabett, b F. Ridge	0
B. Halligan, c and b F. Ridge	7	T. Carroll, not out	1
J. Docker, b S. Ridge	0	Sundries	11
C. Delohery, b F. Ridge	4	Total	100

Young Cleveland and Fernleigh played at Moore Park on Friday, and the match resulted in a draw. Scores: Fernleigh 41 and 39, Cleveland 24 and one wicket for 22 (H. Brown 13). W. Hume bowled best for Cleveland.

Waverley defeated Parramatta Hospital for Insane on the latter's ground in an all-day match. Waverley went in first, and put up 127 runs (Gethall 35 and Waite 23). The hospital scored only 49 (Mayo 21 not out). Waverley in their second innings scored 22 only. The hospital, however, could not make much of a stand, and went down for 53. For the winners Gillies and Terrey bowled well; and Little, who secured 14 for 58 runs, bowled well for the losers in both innings.

PEDESTRIANISM.

The Marrickville running grounds were well patronised on Christmas afternoon, when a handicap was run off with great success. It resulted as follows:—W. H. Andrews, 20¼ yards, 1; F. Surman, 15½, 2; J. Harrison, 13¾, 3.

A nursery handicap will be run at the Marrickville grounds this afternoon, commencing at 3 o'clock.

The first round of the Lillie Bridge 100 Yards December All-comers' Handicap of 60 sovs. will be run to-night, commencing at 8 o'clock. Acceptances close at the post.

MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

SATURDAY EVENING.

To-day, being Boxing Day, was observed as a general holiday.

The export of gold reported in our cable message a day or two back is shown in the Bank returns for the week. The amount of the reserve has declined from £15,704,000 to £14,010,000, and the proportion of liabilities from 43·98 per cent. to 40·04 per cent. The market rate of discount has still a hardening tendency, being now quoted at 2¼ per cent., indicating that the apparent caution of the Bank authorities in reducing the Bank rate to 3½ per cent. only when the market rate was so much lower was justified by the event. If the export of gold is continued the margin of ¾ per cent. will soon disappear, and an advance in the Bank rate must be anticipated. The price of copper has risen 15s, Chili being now quoted at £45 15s. Tin is 10s cheaper, the price of Australian being £90 10s.

The late silver measure of the United States Legislature, having failed to permanently raise the price of silver more than about 2d per ounce—say from 3s 5½d to 3s 7½d—the silver party will use its utmost endeavours to get still more protection. Five per cent. is not enough in a country with such expansive notions as prevail there among all who think they can get anything out of the State. An attempt will probably be made to secure the free coinage of silver, and it would seem that the ropes are so well pulled that in the Coinage Committee of the House of Representatives nine members are said to be in favour, while only four oppose it. The hope of the country, however, is in the President, who, it is believed, would veto a free coinage bill.

In the face of the recent adverse criticism of Anglo-Australian land and mortgage companies, it is not very surprising to learn by cable that the chairman of the board of directors of the Queensland Investment and Land Mortgage Company has announced that it is unlikely that a dividend will be declared during the next 12 or 18 months. The company was formed in 1878, and paid a first dividend of 8 per cent. on its ordinary capital for the year ended March, 1880. In the following year 10 per cent. was paid; then, for three years in succession, the distributions were at the rate of 12½ per cent. per annum; this was followed by a payment of 10 per cent. for one year, then 7½ per cent. was paid, and for the three years ended March, 1890, the dividends declared were at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum. Since then no distribution has been made. In July last the shareholders agreed to a proposition from the directors to reduce the paid-up capital from £300,000 to £146,875 by writing off 17s 6d per share, in order that the capital might be reduced to the "amount actually represented by available assets." At the same time a partial reconstruction of the direction took place; but the reconstructed board has been confronted at the outset by the fact that a large amount of terminable debentures mature during the next two years, and that, in the words of the circular issued to the shareholders, "in spite of the intrinsic merits of the security offered, from various causes it is not safe to calculate on more than a moderate proportion of these being renewed." As the result of the adverse conditions of the company, the shares on which £2 each have been paid up were at par to 5s in the middle of November. The uncalled capital amounted to £1,450,000, and the total sum of the terminal debentures was in July last £794,878. The *Economist* comments adversely on the large issues of debentures by this and similar companies.

The barque Florence arrived to-day from Hamburg with miscellaneous merchandise.

MONDAY MORNING.

The barque Strathdon arrived to-day from London with general cargo valued at £26,100.

MINING INTELLIGENCE.

BROKEN HILL PROPRIETARY MINE.

We have received a copy of the thirteenth half-yearly report of the directors of the Broken Hill Proprietary Company, Limited. The report states that "a circular was issued by the directors on the 27th October covering a special report by Mr. Howell upon—(1) New system of working portion of the mine; (2) increased reduction plant; (3) increased water supply; and the unanimous feeling of the directors was that the information therein contained was of a most assuring character, but, although the general manager recommended a large addition to the amalgamation plant now in course of erection, your directors decided to await its completion and be guided by the results obtained from it. The report on the open-cut system or quarrying conveyed the general manager's recommendations in regard to the open-cut scheme, and these were adopted by the directors. The result has, so far, most abundantly vindicated the expediency and economy of the proceeding. Statements having been circulated that the course was undertaken hurriedly, your directors think it is important to inform the shareholders that an eminent engineer and several of the leading mining managers were consulted, and were fully in favour of the project. The movement and depression surrounding the M'Gregor shaft assumed more serious proportions than was originally expected. The expense in timber was very considerable, and the result has been that now there is a greater amount of filling-in in conjunction with the square-set timbering. Consequently there is no reason to fear any further danger." Respecting the water supply the report states:—"By arrangement with the principal mining companies on the Broken Hill line of lode, the directors have applied to the New South Wales Parliament for an Act to enable them to bring in water from the Darling River. Arrangements have also been made to act upon the suggestions of Mr. Samuel Dixon, and bores will be put down in the area between Broken Hill and Menindie in the hope that an artesian supply will be obtained. Contracts are proposed for one bore of 2000ft. and two of 600ft. each. The supply of water from the Acacia basin has been well maintained, and has proved most valuable, and an arrangement has been made by which a supply is received from Block 10 Company. Considerable difficulty is experienced with the water now being used at the mines, which of necessity has to be used over and over again, and in consequence becomes so mineralised that it corrodes the jackets of the furnaces. If rain does not fall soon it will probably be necessary to secure the use of some furnaces already at the seaboard." Referring to the amalgamation plant, the directors state that it is approaching completion, and, given sufficient water, it should be working at the end of February next. The balance-sheet shows that the company continues to be in a satisfactory financial position. The net profit for the half-year amounts to £633,737 10s 8d, which has been distributed thus:—Dividends, £576,000; additions to plant, £45,718 9s 3d; depreciation, £24,845 9s 6d—£646,563 18s 9d; less reduction in values of stock in hand last half-year, £12,826 8s 1d—£633,737 10s 8d. On the 30th November there were liquid assets amounting to £246,723 9s 5d, made up as follows:—Coke, £56,168 15s 9d; mine timber, £51,837 6s 6d; stores and sundries, £45,601 0s 9d; bullion on hand, £88,277 4s 10d; bills receivable, dividends *in transitu*, £16,911 6s; bank balances, Melbourne, London and branches, £78,720 18s 5d—£337,516 12s 3d; less outstanding liabilities and bullion drafts *in transitu*, £90,793 2s 10d—£246,723 9s 5d. In the item of bank balances is included the sum of £54,783 18s 9d, being net proceeds of 292,181oz. of silver, portion of unreported silver surplus sold. The total surplus at the end of the half-year represented 356,081oz., leaving actual balance in silver of 63,900oz. to carry on to next half-year; and it is proposed for the future in this manner to thus adjust at the closing of the accounts that portion of the unreported surplus silver which may have been shipped and sold during the half-year, instead of carrying forward a cash balance to represent such actual ounces of silver, as has been customary heretofore. The developments of ore (the report states) have kept equal to requirements, and at present the output at the mine is beyond the capacity of the various reducing plants, which are unfortunately controlled by the limited quantity of water available, and also by its highly mineralised condition. The mining manager in his report says that during the half-year there has been treated by smelting 127,589 net tons of ore, producing 17,616 tons of bullion, containing 5,028,914oz. of silver.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]
(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS.)

ADELAIDE, SUNDAY.

The following sales were made at Exchange Lane on Saturday:—Block 10, £11 18s; Broken, colonial register, £7 2s 6d, £7 4s; South, £2 10s 6d.

GULGONG, SATURDAY.

The Woolshed Paddock Company bottomed the shaft at about 150ft. They have 3ft. of washdirt and payable prospects. Thompson and party, near the Standard lead, struck a 9in. leader at 160ft. It is estimated it will go 1½oz. to the ton. Talbot and party, from Buckley's reef, are sending six tons to the Mint. The reef is 2ft. thick, and looks well.

SMELTING RETURNS FOR THE WEEK ENDED 24th DECEMBER.

Broken Hill Proprietary Company.—Ore treated, 4741 tons; bullion obtained, 593 tons; total silver contents, 180,580oz.

Central Broken Hill Silver-mining Company.—Ore treated for week ended 24th December; 887 tons, producing 29,436oz. silver, 63 tons lead, and 3 tons copper. This includes 292 tons British and other ore, containing 1255oz. silver, and 63 tons lead. Stoppages for repairs equal to two furnaces for five days each. 275 tons ore gross weight despatched Wallaroo smelting works.

British Broken Hill Proprietary Company.—Ore treated, 383 tons silver-lead ore, bullion obtained, 67 tons; total silver contents, 5592oz.

CRUSHING AND SMELTING RETURNS.

Mount Dromedary Proprietary Gold-mining Company.—Had a trial crushing and put through about six tons of poor stuff, in order to fill up crevices in machinery; yield, 15dwt. retorted gold, in addition to which have about 5cwt. of unusually rich concentrates. It must be understood that the amount of gold obtained is not a fair criterion, as the copper plates and other parts of new machinery have absorbed the greater part of the gold, there being at least 2oz. or 3oz. of gold in the plates alone.

The Peak Hill Proprietary crushed 190 tons of stone for 190oz. of gold. The Great Western mine crushed 133 tons, obtaining 78oz.

MANAGERS' REPORTS.

Mount Dromedary Gold Mine.—The new lode at No. 4 tunnel does not look so well, having assumed a harsher and less kindly appearance. Lower new tunnel: Reef pinching smaller, but still good however. Through an accident, the carriers have been unable to get the 7-ton parcel of pyrites away, but expect to get it sent on by next steamer. Plumbing not yet completed, but have arranged for one party of sawyers to keep on cutting, so that there should be no delay after the holidays.

Balstrup's Manganese Hill Silver Mine, December 18.—Lower level adit at No. 2 winze has been securely timbered up and the drive opened S.E. of the winze and extended 9ft. Some good ore coming to hand assaying highly. Main shaft sunk 6½ft., total 55½ft., the ground being hard. Machinery is now arriving on the mine. Ironstone outcrop: Analyses made having proved satisfactory, the manager of the smelting company has intimated that he will take a supply.

Austral Silver Mine, December 19.—Main shaft: The water having eased off this has been sunk 8ft. Pump is working well.

Earl of Hopetoun South Gold Mine, December 23.—North drive No. 2 tunnel in 20ft. No. 1 tunnel in 234ft. No change.

Countess of Hopetoun Gold Mine, December 23.—Tunnel portion 335 in 135ft. Tunnel portion 254 in 60ft.

Earl of Hopetoun Extended Gold Mine, December 23.—Shaft down 36ft. in solid country. Bridge proceeding.

Earl of Hopetoun Gold Mine, December 23.—Intermediate drive west of winze in 24ft.; No 1 tunnel in 613ft.; drive west new lode, No. 1 crosscut, in 53ft.; drive east, same lode, in 33ft. Stoping as usual. No change in mine. Cleaning up to-day, wire result to-morrow.

METEOROLOGICAL REPORTS.

SYDNEY OBSERVATORY.

DECEMBER 26.

LATITUDE, 33° 51' 41" S.; LONGITUDE, 10h. 4m. 51·8s. E.; MAGNETIC VARIATION, 9° 35' 37" E.

Average annual rainfall for 32 years	50·233
Average for 33 years from January 1 to November 30	46·898
Total rainfall from January 1, 1891, to December 26	55·287
Sydney standard barometer at 9 a.m. to-day	30·157

Barometers corrected to 32° Fah. and mean sea level.
The Time Ball drops 1 p.m. Sydney mean time, 2h. 55m. 9·19s. a.m. Greenwich mean time.

STATE OF BAROMETERS.



WEATHER, TEMPERATURE, AND RAINFALL.

Stations.	W.	M.	M.	Rain	Stations.	W.	M.	M.	Rain
Albury	b	86	44	0	Maitland	b	94	57	0
Armidale	b	88	45	0	Manning Heads	c			0
Balranald	b	82	61	0	Marsdens	b	84	58	0
Bathurst	b	86	44	0·12	Menindie	b	78	53	0
Bendemeer	b			0	Molong	b	81	54	0
Bodalla	b	84	42	0	[illegible]	b	86	52	0
Bombala	b	77	45	0	Moree	b	98	66	0
Bourke	b	93	61	0	Moruya	b	76	44	0
Bowral	b	76	47	0·04	Moss Vale	b			0
Brewarrina	b	95	65	0	Mount Hope	b	88	55	0
Broken Hill	b	85	58	0	Mount Victoria	b	85	45	0
Bundarra	b	90	55	0	Mudgee	b	92	55	0
Camden Haven	c	77	—	0	Mungindi	b	109	69	0
Cape St. Geo.	b	81	57	0	Murrumburrah	b	89	43	0
Carcoar	b	89	40	0·05	Murrurundi	b	90	73	0
Casino	c	97	65	0	Muswellbrook	b	93	63	0
Cassilis	e	87	57	0	Narrabri	b	101	62	0
Clarence	-			-	Newcastle	b	87	62	0·14
Condobolin	b	100	60	0	Orange	b	89	46	0·04
Cooma	b	75	56	0	Picton	b	85	52	0
Coonabarabr'n	b	91	50	0·04	Port M'Quarie	b	84	65	0
Coonamble	b	97	57	0	Port Stephens	b	90	62	0
Cowra	b	92	58	0·04	Queanbeyan	b	79	35	0
Cudgellico	b	97	60	0	Quirindi	b	92	64	0
Deniliquin	b	90	42	0	Scone	b	91	55	0
Dubbo	b	88	50	0	Singleton	b	96	77	0
Eden	b	73	55	0·16	Sydney	b	85	62	0·19
Euston	b	86	40	0	Tabulam	c	103	65	0
Forbes	b	96	72	0	Tamworth	b			0
Gabo Island	g	73	58	0·06	Taralga	b			0
Glen Innes	b	89	47	0	Taree	c			0
Goulburn	b	84	41	0	Tenterfield	b	94	51	0
Grafton	c	98	68	0	Wagga	b	83	45	0
Gulgong	b	92	50	0	Walcha	b	82	46	0
Gunnedah	b	104	67	0	Walgett	b	97	61	0
Hay	b	78	50	0	Warialda	b	92	53	0
Hillston	b	77	54	0	Wentworth	b	88	51	0
Inverell	b	88	59	0	Werris Creek	b	95	65	0
Jerry's Plains	c	92	74	0	Wilcannia	b	84	54	0
Katoomba	b	75	40	0	Wollongong	b	88	50	0
Kiandra	b	74	28	0	Young	b	88	53	0
Lismore	u	99	60	0					

[Explanatory.—Weather: b, fine; c, cloudy; d, drizzling rain; f, fog; g, dull; h, hazy; m, misty; n, frosty; o, overcast; p, showery; q, squally; r, raining; s, snowing; t, thunder; u, threatening; v, stormy; w, hot wind. MM., maximum and minimum readings of thermometers.]

SYNOPSIS.

New South Wales.—Generally fine and clear.
Victoria and Straits.—Fine and clear to fine, but cloudy inland; cloudy on the coast.
Tasmania.—Fine, but cloudy generally.
Queensland.—Fine generally.

FORECAST.

New South Wales: Light variable winds and fine weather; probably northerly winds and hot weather on Monday.—H. C. RUSSELL.

RAIN HAS FALLEN IN PREVIOUS 24 HOURS.

New South Wales: Light and scattered, with thunderstorms. Queensland: Moderate, with few thunderstorms on Peninsula. Victoria: Light at isolated places.

ASTRONOMICAL MEMORANDA FOR DECEMBER 28.

Sun rises at 4.51, sets at 7.12; Moon, 2.23 a.m., 4.18 p.m.; Mercury, 5.8 a.m., 7.12 p.m.; Venus, 6.45 a.m., 8.58 p.m.; Mars, 1.32 a.m., 2.58 p.m.; Jupiter, 10.9 a.m., 10.57 p.m.; Saturn, 11.39 p.m., 11.33 a.m.
New moon, 1st; full moon, 15th.
High water at Fort Denison, 5.40 a.m., 6.10 p.m.
H. C. RUSSELL, Government Astronomer.

MRS. LANGTRY writes:—"I have much pleasure in stating that I have used Pears' Soap for some time, and prefer it to any other. (Signed) Lillie Langtry." Pears' Soap for toilet and nursery, specially prepared for the delicate skin of ladies and children, and others sensitive to the weather.—ADVT.]

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Funerals

THE FRIENDS of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. CULLEN are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their dearly beloved DAUGHTER, Florrie; to move from their residence, Captain Cook Hotel, Miller's Point, THIS (Monday) MORNING, at half-past 8 o'clock, for the Necropolis. Mrs. P. Kirby, undertaker, 88 Hunter-st.; Wm.-st., Dhurst.

THE FRIENDS of Mr. PETER M'MANUS are respectfully invited to attend his Funeral; to move from St. Benedict's Roman Catholic Church THIS (Monday) AFTERNOON, at a quarter before 2 o'clock, for the Necropolis. Mrs. P. KIRBY, Undertaker, 88 Hunter-street, and William-street, Darlinghurst. Telephone, 878.

THE FRIENDS of Mrs. M'MANUS are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of her dearly beloved HUSBAND, Peter; to move from St. Benedict's Roman Catholic Church THIS (Monday) AFTERNOON, at quarter before 2 o'clock, for the Necropolis. Mrs. P. KIRBY, Undertaker, 88 Hunter-st., and William-st., Darlinghurst.

THE FRIENDS of Mr. PETER M'MANUS are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of his late beloved COUSIN, Peter M'Manus; to move from St. Benedict's Roman Catholic Church THIS (Monday) AFTERNOON, at quarter before 2 o'clock, for the Necropolis. Mrs. P. KIRBY, Undertaker, 88 Hunter-st., and William-st., Dt.

THE FRIENDS of Mr. SAMUEL REDFORD are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his late beloved HENRY S., which will move from his residence, No. 330 Darling-street, Balmain, THIS (Monday) AFTERNOON, at 2 o'clock, for Waverley Cemetery. Wood and Company, undertakers, 720 George-st., Syd.; Blmn., Pisham., St. Len.

THE FUNERAL of the late Miss MARY LEE, Daughter of the late Captain J. Lee, will take place THIS AFTERNOON; to move from 131 Princes-street, at half-past 2 o'clock, for the Waverley Cemetery. WALTER STEWART, Undertaker, Bathurst-street.

THE FUNERAL of the late Mr. JAMES TUDEHOPE, Stonemason, will move from his residence, 20 Norton-street, off Foveaux-street, Surry Hills, on TUESDAY AFTERNOON, at 3 o'clock, for Waverley Cemetery. WALTER STEWART, Undertaker, Bathurst-street.

THE FUNERAL of the late Alderman SAMUEL GEORGE DAVISON, J.P., will move from his late residence, Stirling, Johnston-street, Annandale, THIS (Monday) AFTERNOON, at 3.30, for Camperdown Cemetery. W. J. DIXON, Undertaker, 183 George-street West.

THE FRIENDS of the late Mr. WALTER TAYLOR are kindly invited to attend his Funeral; to move from the residence of Messrs. Fraser Bros., Eustace-street, Manly, for the Manly Cemetery, at 4 o'clock. THIS DAY, Monday, the 28th instant. T. WAUGH and CO., Manly.

Meetings

AUSTRALIAN JOCKEY CLUB.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual MEETING of the Club will be held at the Offices of the Club on MONDAY, 18th January, 1892, at 4 o'clock p.m.

Business:
1. To Receive Committee's Report and Treasurer's Balance-sheet.
2. To Elect Committee and two (2) Auditors for the ensuing year.
3. To Transact Ordinary Business.

Nominations for the Committee must be lodged with the Secretary on or before 4 o'clock p.m., on SATURDAY, 26th December instant.

T. S. CLIBBORN, Sec. A. J. Club.
14 Castlereagh-street.

SYDNEY MEAT-PRESERVING COMPANY, Limited.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Forty-second Half-Yearly General MEETING of the Shareholders of this Company will be held at the Company's Head Offices, United-chambers, George and Hunter streets, Sydney, on WEDNESDAY, the 10th day of February, 1892, at noon, to receive the Directors' Report and Balance-sheet to 31st December, 1891; and to transact any other business that may be brought before the meeting in conformity with the Deed of Settlement.

By order of the Board of Directors.
JOHN B. C. MILES, Secretary.
United-chambers, George and Hunter streets, Sydney, December 23, 1891.

BROKEN HILL SOUTH BLOCK COMPANY, No Liability.

NOTICE is hereby given that the First General MEETING of Shareholders in the above Company will be held at the registered office of the Company, Post Office-chambers, Pitt-street, Sydney, on MONDAY, 28th instant, at 2.30 p.m.

Business:
1. To adopt Rules and Regulations for the Company.
2. To elect Directors.

By order of the Board.
G. S. BUZACOTT, Manager.
Sydney, December 14, 1891.

Houses and Land for Sale.

FOR SALE.
A. W. WEBSTER, House and Land Agent, has for SALE in Paddington, Woollahra, Waverley, Randwick, Bondi, Gentlemen's RESIDENCES, VILLAS, COTTAGES, HOUSES, BUILDING SITES, TERRACE PROPERTIES of every description. Price, terms to suit all parties; small deposit, balance as rent. 452 Oxford-street, Paddington.

NEWPORT, PITTWATER.—The MONA VALE ESTATE, subdivided into Blocks of from ½ acre to — acres each; title, freehold. Price Lists can be obtained from the Proprietors of the Newport Hotel, the Rock Lily Hotel, or from the Auctioneers,
WILSON and CO., 130 Pitt-street, Sydney.

SEVEN-ROOMED Cottage, unfur., £1 (fur., £2), large stabling, land 92 x 150. Brooks, 112 King-st.

HOUSES, Cottages, Land, and Farms for SALE in all districts; inspect list. James and Co., 110 L'pool-st.

Machinery.

FOR SALE, Hoe's 4-cylinder Rotary Type Printing MACHINE, speed 8000 per hour, and a 12-h.p. Gas ENGINE. Also, STEREO. PLANT, consisting of Furnace, Hot Plate, Platen Press, and 2 Casting Boxes, old Herald size; very cheap. Apply to Mr. BARNES, Herald Office.

R. L. SCRUTTON and CO., 11 and 33 Pitt-street, North, SOLE AGENTS for—
Unbreakable Pulley Co.'s Pulleys, Hangers, Shafting, &c.
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Auction Sales.

IN THE BANKRUPT ESTATE OF C. E. FULLER.

T. S. CLIBBORN has been instructed by Augustus Morris, Esq., Official Assignee, to sell by auction, at FENNELLY'S BAZAAR, Pitt-street, Sydney, on TUESDAY, 29th December, 1891, at 2 o'clock p.m.,
The following HORSES (Trotters):—
Bay Gelding, PRIMUS, by Vermont, jun.
Bay Gelding, DEXTER, by Vermont, jun.
Bay Horse (14 hands 1in.), NARRABEEN HAROLD, 4 years, by Childe Harold (imp.)
(a well-known performer, and winner of several races).
B.F. GRAND DUCHESS, 2 years.

T. S. CLIBBORN has been instructed by J. H. Want, Esq., to sell by auction, at Fennelly's Bazaar, Pitt-street, on TUESDAY, December 29, at 2 o'clock,
B.f. Grand Duchess, 2 years, by Grand Master (imp.), from Bauvie (imp.).

TATTERSALL'S CLUB NEW YEAR'S MEETING.

GEORGE KISS has received instructions from the Secretary Tattersall's Club to sell by auction, at the Bazaar, Pitt and Castlereagh streets, on TUESDAY, the 29th instant, at 12 o'clock,
The right to the entrance gates and St. Leger reserve for above meeting, to be held at Randwick on the 1st and 2nd January, 1892.

HIGHLAND GATHERING SPORTS.

GEORGE KISS has received instructions from the Secretary Association Cricket Ground to sell by auction, at the Bazaar, Pitt and Castlereagh streets, on TUESDAY, the 29th instant, at 12 o'clock,
The right to the ground bars and refreshment booths for above sports on New Year's Day.

FENNELLY'S BAZAAR.

TO RACING MEN AND OTHERS.

SALE OF RACING PONIES on TUESDAY NEXT, 29th INSTANT, at 2 o'clock.

W. GARLING has been instructed to sell by auction, at his Bazaar (late Fennelly's), on TUESDAY NEXT, 29th INSTANT, at 2 o'clock,
The undermentioned Ponies:—
Agility, bay mare, 4 years, 14 hands
Poppy, bay mare, 3 years, 13.2
Gitana, bay mare, 5 years, 13.3
Princess, brown mare, aged, 13.3.

The above ponies are to be sold on account of the owner giving up racing, further particulars of which will be given at sale.

ODDMENT SALE OF WOOL.

HARRISON, JONES, and DEVLIN, Limited, will sell by public auction, on TUESDAY, 29th instant, at 2 o'clock, at the Chamber of Commerce, odd lots of wool, comprising about—
500 bales
Bags and fadges.
On view at Young-street store from Monday, 28th, until time of sale.

TERMS, CASH.

TO CARCASE BUTCHERS and Others.

PITT, SON, and BADGERY, Limited, have received instructions from the Hon. the Colonial Treasurer to submit for sale by public auction, at the Abattoirs, Glebe Island, at noon on THURSDAY, the 31st day of December, 1891,
The lease, for twelve months, subject to the undermentioned limitation, commencing on the 1st day of January, 1892, of one beef slaughter-house.
The upset price will be £800 per annum.
The rent is to be paid by equal monthly instalments, payable in advance on the first day of each month.
The Government reserves to itself the right to terminate the lease at any time during its currency upon giving the lessee three calendar months' notice in writing.
A bond in double the amount of rent will be required for the fulfilment of the lessee's engagement, which bond must be entered into by the lessee, in conjunction with two responsible parties as sureties.
Further particulars and copies of the conditions and regulations may be obtained on application to the Superintendent of the Abattoirs, Glebe Island.
The amount of duty imposed by the Stamp Duties Act upon the lease, counterpart lease, bond, and on the conditions of sale, is to be borne by the lessee.
As Cattle Sales take place at Flemington on 30th instant, intending buyers please note this Sale has been altered to THURSDAY, the 31st instant.

GREAT SELLING OFF of New Year Cards, To-day. C. E. Fuller and Co., 387 George-st.

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THIS DAY, DECEMBER 28, at 11.30 a.m.
Imperative Auction Sale, under WARRANT of RENT, at WARD-STREET, NORTH SYDNEY (beyond first tram section).
AUSTRIAN FURNITURE, 3 DOUBLE BEDSTEADS, DUCHESSE TOILETS, CHEST DRAWERS, &c.
W. M. CRANE, Jun., No. 5 Temple-court, King-street, will sell by auction, as above.

THE NEW AUCTION MART, 199 PITT-STREET.

TUESDAY, 29th DECEMBER, at half-past 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

EXTENSIVE SALE BY AUCTION of SUPERIOR COLONIAL-MADE FURNITURE, comprising—
LARGE CEDAR SIDEBOARDS, with Bevelled Plate-glass Backs, and fitted with Drawers, Cellarettes, &c.;
PINE and CEDAR WARDROBES, with Bevelled Plate-glass Doors;
CEDAR and PINE CHESTS of DRAWERS, Combination and Portable;
PAIRS of CEDAR and PINE TOILETS, with Marble Tops;
HANDSOME CEDAR BOOKCASES, Plate-glass Doors, with Drawers and Cupboards;
OFFICE TABLES and DESKS TOILET TABLES, Kitchen Tables, Kitchen Dressers, Pine Safes,
ELEGANT CEDAR and PINE BEDROOM SUITES, Cedar and Pine Chiffoniers, Cedar Chiffonier Safes,
DINING TABLES, Single and Double Washstands.
Also,
HANDSOME OVERMANTELS, MIRRORS, &c., in Walnut and Black and Gold Frames, and
43 Packages RATTAN FURNITURE, comprising Suites, Settees, Occasional Chairs, &c., &c., &c., &c.

To Ladies and Gentlemen Furnishing, Furniture Warehousemen, Commission Brokers, &c., &c.

HARRIS and ACKMAN will hold the above EXTENSIVE SALE BY AUCTION, at the NEW AUCTION MART, 199 PITT-STREET, on TUESDAY NEXT, 29th DECEMBER, at half-past 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

TERMS, CASH.

THURSDAY, 31st DECEMBER.

AUCTIONEERS' SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT to LADIES AND GENTLEMEN FURNISHING IN GOOD TASTE, VISITORS FROM THE COUNTRY, and the General Public.

HIGHLY ATTRACTIVE UNRESERVED SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION at the OLD BANK AUCTION ROOMS, 322 GEORGE-STREET, opposite Peapes and Co., on THURSDAY, 31st DECEMBER, at 11 a.m., of ELEGANT and COSTLY HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS, under Positive Instructions from COLONEL EDEN, in consequence of his Departure for England per R.M.S. OROTAVA, and removed from his late Residence, THE RAVINE, BONDI, for the Convenience of Buyers.

THIS MAGNIFICENT FURNITURE is of the most elaborate and recherché description, and was principally supplied by the celebrated firm of WALKER and SONS, BUNHILL, LONDON, which is sufficient guarantee that the Goods are of the very best Quality. The
DINING and LIBRARY FURNITURE is in SOLID CARVED AMERICAN WALNUT, furnished throughout in A1 style.
DRAWING-ROOM and BOUDOIR FURNITURE is in beautiful Ebonised and Gilt Woods and Rosewood.
MAGNIFICENT UPRIGHT GRAND PIANO, in elegant Ebonised and Gilt Case, by the renowned makers, RICHARD LIPP and SOHN, overstrung on steel metallic frame, imported by Messrs. W. H. PALING and CO.
Valuable Oil Paintings and WATER-COLOURS and ARTICLES of VERTU.
Splendid Examples of the Potter's Art in ROYAL WORCESTER, DRESDEN, SEVRES, Capo de Monte and Doulton Ware.
BRUSSELS and WILTON PILE CARPETS.
The Bedroom Furniture is excellent, and consists of HANDSOME CARVED WALNUT BEDROOM SUITE, with pair of Duchesse Toilets.
ASH and WALNUT SUITE.
Also will be sold all the SPLENDID TABLE APPOINTMENTS, consisting of MASSIVE DIAMOND-CUT GLASSWARE.
Choice and varied assortment of THE VERY FINEST ELECTROPLATE.
Also the beautiful HAND-PAINTED CHINAWARE.
The rough description given as above can but ill convey to the reader the very SUPERIOR QUALITY and EXCELLENCE of this auction sale. However, as VIEW DAY IS ON THE 30th INST., the public generally will have an opportunity of inspecting and forming their own opinion.

WALTER BRADLEY have pleasure in announcing to ladies and gentlemen visiting Sydney, lovers of the fine arts, and the general public that they have received positive instructions from Colonel Eden to conduct the above sale by auction of the whole of his MAGNIFICENT FURNITURE and WORKS OF ART, at the OLD BANK AUCTION ROOMS, 322 George-street, on THURSDAY, the 31st December, at 11 a.m.

TERMS, CASH.

MOST IMPORTANT PRELIMINARY ANNOUNCEMENT to LADIES and GENTLEMEN requiring High Art Furniture.

WEDNESDAY, 6th JANUARY, at 11 a.m.,
HIGHLY ATTRACTIVE UNRESERVED SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION, at the residence of SIDNEY A. FULLFORD, Esq., FOREST-ROAD, HURSTVILLE, of the whole of his very ELEGANT and SUBSTANTIAL HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE and EFFECTS, full particulars of which will duly appear.

WALTER BRADLEY and CO. have been favoured with instructions from SIDNEY A. FULLFORD, Esq., to sell by auction, at his residence, FOREST-ROAD, HURSTVILLE, on WEDNESDAY, the 6th January, at 11 a.m., of the whole of his ELEGANT and SUBSTANTIAL HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE and EFFECTS.
Descriptive book catalogues in course of preparation.

TERMS, CASH.

GREAT SELLING OFF of New Year Cards, To-day. C. E. Fuller and Co., 387 George-st.

AUCTIONEERS' CIRCULAR.

TO LADIES AND GENTLEMEN REMOVING, EXECUTORS, TRUSTEES, MORTGAGEES, and OTHERS.
In thanking our esteemed Clients for the extensive patronage accorded to us during the last six years, during which period we have conducted one thousand (1000) sales by auction, some of them being of highest class, and wonderfully successful, as is well known, we beg to intimate that during the coming year our best services are at the disposal of our valued constituents, and outdoor sales are under the special management of our Mr. JOHN STRONGMAN, assisted by a first-class staff. Sales of Furniture, Stock, and Goods of every kind from outlying districts can be arranged at our new spacious and centrally-situated Auction Rooms, Railway-parade, Burwood Station. Reasonable charges. Cash advanced when required. STRONGMAN and CO., Auctioneers and Agents for Vendors, Burwood Station.

BURWOOD. STRATHFIELD.

TUESDAY, December 29, at 11 a.m.

Unreserved Sale by Auction under a Bill of Sale of Splendid Household Furniture, Leather Dining Suite, Brussels Carpets, lovely Drawing-room Suite, choice Pictures, Double and Single Bedsteads and best Bedding, handsome Cedar Wardrobe, Chests Drawers, Toilets, China, Kitchen Ironmongery, Tinware, Crockery, good Sewing Machine on stand, grand Pianoforte by Broadwood, with handsome iron frame and ebony case.
First-class Mangle, and Lots of Sundries.

STRONGMAN and Co. the well-known and popular Auctioneers of Burwood Station, have been favoured with instructions from the bill of sale holder, to sell out and out the whole of the elegant furnishings, as above, on TUESDAY, at 11 a.m. sharp.
Inspection at 9.30 same morning only prior to the sale.
TERMS, STRICTLY CASH.
Auctioneers' New Offices and Salerooms, Railway-parade, opposite the new station now building at Burwood.

THE LAST SALE OF THE SEASON.
NEXT WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30, at 11 a.m. sharp.
ARDGOWER HOUSE, 95 UNDERWOOD-STREET, PADDINGTON, close to tram stopping-place at Commercial Bank.
A Rare Chance for Gentry Furnishing in Good Style, New Arrivals, Young Couples, Clergymen, Solicitors, Commission Agents, Trade Buyers, and others.
Important and Attractive Sale by Auction of First-class Furniture, Magnificent Pianoforte, &c., splendid Walnut Extension Table, grand Dining Suite in Mahogany and Morocco Leather, handsome Walnut Cabinet, massive Sideboard, first-class quality Linoleum, Brussels Carpets, best quality Double and Single Bedsteads, Wire Mattresses, best Kapok Bedding, Overmantels, Marble Clock, Pictures, grand Set Walnut Bookshelves from Wallach Bros., suitable clergyman, literary or prof. gentleman, Office Writing Desk, Revolving Chair, Glass Bookcase, Brass M. Fenders, Ornaments, and Nicknacks, Gas Stove, and Sundries.

STRONGMAN and CO., the well-known Auctioneers, of Burwood Station, beg to announce the above sale, without reserve, the vendor giving up housekeeping in consequence of domestic affliction. Inspection at 2 p.m. on Tuesday and morning of sale. Terms strictly cash.

TO-MORROW, TUESDAY.

SUBURBAN GENERAL SUPPLY STORE.

FREEHOLD and STOCK FOR SALE, GEORGE-STREET, CANTERBURY, the main thoroughfare, close to the proposed new station, the Stock-in-Trade, Goodwill, and Freehold of Grocery, Drapery, Ironmongery, Produce, Wood and Coal, and General Supply Store.
The freehold consists of a splendid site, having 57ft. 9in. frontage to George-street, with a through depth of about 200ft. to Church-street, and 104ft. frontage to that street; substantial and commodious business premises and residence.
Present turnover, £2000 per annum, but capable of great extension.
Fullest investigation invited.

WATKIN and WATKIN will offer the above at auction, in their Rooms, 313 Pitt-street, TO-MORROW, TUESDAY, December 29th, 1891, at 11.30 a.m.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 7.

STEPHEN-STREET, CAMPERDOWN.

COTTAGE and LAND.

WILSON and CO. have received instructions from the Mortgagee to sell by auction, in the Rooms, 130 Pitt-street, on THURSDAY, 7th January, at 11.30 o'clock, Comfortable cottage residence, built of brick on stone, shingle roof, containing 5 rooms, kitchen, washhouse, &c., on land having 30ft. 9in. frontage to Stephen-street, by a depth of 80ft. 4in.
Title, freehold. Vendors solicitors, Messrs. Villeneuve Smith and Dawes, Castlereagh-street.

GREAT SELLING OFF of New Year Cards, To-day. C. E. Fuller and Co., 387 George-st.

TO FURNITURE WAREHOUSEMEN, DEALERS, PRIVATE BUYERS, and OTHERS.

UNRESERVED SALE BY AUCTION, AT THE ROOMS, 123 PITT-STREET.

ON TUESDAY NEXT, DECEMBER 29, at 11 O'CLOCK SHARP.

SUPERIOR COLONIAL-MADE FURNITURE, comprising
Cedar Bookcases, plate-glass doors, with drawers and cupboards, Office Tables and Desks
Cedar Chiffonier Safes, Cedar and Pine Bedroom Suites
Cane Chairs and Lounges, Cedar and Pine Wardrobes, plate-glass doors, Cedar and Pine Chests of Drawers
Pair Toilets, in cedar and pine
Single and Double Washstands and Toilet Tables, in cedar and pine
Cedar and Pine Chiffoniers, Cedar Wardrobes
Pine Kitchen Tables and Dressers, Pine Meat Safes
Pine and Cedar Extending Dining Tables
Whatnots, Pairs Mahogany and Walnut Toilets and Stands
Sideboards, Chiffoniers, Occasional Tables, &c., &c.

DAVIS, MARKS, and CO. have received instructions to sell by PUBLIC AUCTION, at their ROOMS, 123 Pitt-street,
THE WHOLE of the ABOVE, on TUESDAY NEXT, December 29, AT 11 O'CLOCK SHARP.

AT THE ROOMS, 123 PITT-STREET, ON TUESDAY NEXT, DECEMBER 29, at 11 O'CLOCK SHARP.

ON ACCOUNT AND RISK OF THOSE CONCERNED.

Magnificent Shipment of SUPERIOR OVERMANTELS, LOOKING-GLASSES, &c., in THE LATEST AND NEWEST DESIGNS.

DAVIS, MARKS, and CO. will sell by public auction, at their Rooms, 123 Pitt-street, on TUESDAY NEXT, December 29, at 11 o'clock sharp, The above.

TERMS AT SALE.

CLEARANCE SALE.

BUCKINGHAM PARK, MEDLOW.

BLUE MOUNTAINS.

On the GROUND, THIS DAY, MONDAY, 28th DECEMBER, at 2.30 p.m., opposite side of line to the GRAND PALACE HOTEL, known as BELGRAVIA HOTEL, which is lit up with the ELECTRIC LIGHT.
40 ALLOTMENTS, from 132ft. FRONTAGE, with long depth; FORMING FINEST RESIDENTIAL SITES of any of the MOUNTAIN TOWNSHIPS.
Also, 2 SPLENDID VILLAS, known as STRATHMORE and EYRECOURT, newly and completely furnished, containing drawing-room, 4 bedrooms and kitchen, and let at high rentals to most aristocratic tenants for the season.

HUGH DUFF and CO. have received instructions from the PROPRIETOR, W. EYRE, Esq., to hold a Clearance SALE by PUBLIC AUCTION of the BUCKINGHAM PARK ESTATE and 2 COTTAGES with furniture, MEDLOW, on the GROUND, THIS DAY, MONDAY, 28th December, at 2.30 p.m.

TITLE, TORRENS.

TERMS, VERY LIBERAL: 20 per cent. deposit, balance by P.N.s. 3, 6, 9, 12, 15 months.
. EXCURSION TRAINS leaving at 8 and 10 a.m. will enable parties to inspect this VALUABLE ESTATE and have lunch before the sales.
Plans and particulars from the Auctioneers, HUGH DUFF and CO., 109 Pitt-street.
REMEMBER THIS SALE, THIS DAY, MONDAY, 28th December.

GREAT SELLING OFF of New Year Cards, To-day. C. E. Fuller and Co., 387 George-st.

PYRMONT BRIDGE-ROAD, FOREST LODGE.

BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEE.

COTTAGE RESIDENCE, midway between GLEBE POINT-ROAD and ROSS-STREET, a few yards south of Woolley-street.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Limited, have received instructions to sell by public auction, at the ROOMS, PITT-STREET, on FRIDAY, the 8th JANUARY, at 11 o'clock,
The abovementioned cottage property at Forest Lodge, full particulars of which will shortly be published.
Messrs. ALLEN and ALLEN, Phillip-street, Sydney, Solicitors for the mortgagee.

GOVERNMENT LAND SALE.

By Order of the Hon. W. J. LYNE, Minister for Public Works.

IMPORTANT SALE of the SUBDIVISION of MARTIN-PLACE, being part of THE POST-OFFICE RESUMPTION LAND, the new thoroughfare running from George to Pitt streets.

The Centre of the Business Portion of the City of Sydney.

Fronting the General Post Office, having Corners to George and Pitt streets.

This Grand Block of Central Business Sites has been apportioned into 11 CHOICE ALLOTMENTS, all having frontage to MARTIN-PLACE, and each having back access to Chisholm-lane, 20ft. wide, opening from George-street, and to the continuation of same lane of equal width to Angel-place, thence leading into Pitt-street.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Limited, in conjunction with Messrs. HARDIE and GORMAN, have received instructions from the Hon. the Minister for Public Works to SELL by PUBLIC AUCTION, at the ROOMS, No. 98 PITT-STREET, on a date to be hereafter fixed, and of which due notice will be given. The following LOTS of CROWN LAND, now forming MARTIN-PLACE.

All allotments fronting the GENERAL POST OFFICE. Particulars as under, viz.:—

LOT 1 (corner of George-street), having 40ft. frontage to MARTIN-PLACE and 78ft. 0½in. frontage to George-street, the northern boundary being Chisholm-lane, to which the frontage is 41ft. 7in., and 76ft. 1¼in. on the eastern boundary line. Mean depth, 77ft. 1 1-16in.

LOT 2, having 30ft. frontage to MARTIN-PLACE, depth 76ft. 1¼in. on western boundary, 74ft. 9in. on the eastern boundary, width at rear 30ft. 0¼in. Mean depth, 75ft. 5¼in.

LOT 3, having 30ft. frontage to MARTIN-PLACE, depth 74ft. 9in. on the western boundary, 66ft. 1¾in. on the eastern boundary, width at rear 32ft. 7¾in. Mean depth, 70ft. 5 3-16in.

LOT 4, having 30ft. frontage to MARTIN-PLACE depth 66ft. 1¾in. on the western boundary, 56ft. 11¾in. on the eastern boundary, width at rear 32ft. 7¾in. Mean depth, 61ft. 6¾in.

LOT 5, having 30ft. frontage to MARTIN-PLACE, depth 56ft. 11¾in. on the western boundary, 55ft. 1¾in. on the eastern boundary, width at rear 30ft. 0¼in. Mean depth, 56ft. 0¾in.

LOT 6, having 33ft. 8¼in. frontage to MARTIN-PLACE, depth 55ft. 1¾in. on the western boundary, 55ft. 5¾in. on eastern boundary, width at rear 33ft. 8¼in. Mean depth, 55ft. 3 3-16in.

LOT 7, having 30ft. frontage to MARTIN-PLACE, depth 55ft. 5¾in. on the western boundary, 55ft. 9in. on the eastern boundary, width at rear 30ft. Mean depth, 55ft. 7¼in.

LOT 8, having 30ft. frontage to MARTIN-PLACE, depth 55ft. 9in. on the western boundary, 56ft. 0¾in. on the eastern boundary, width at rear 30ft. Mean depth, 55ft. 10 13-16in.

LOT 9, having 30ft. frontage to MARTIN-PLACE, depth 56ft. 0¾in. on the western boundary, 56ft. 4¾in. on the eastern boundary, width at rear 30ft. Mean depth, 56ft. 2¾in.

LOT 10, having 30ft. frontage to MARTIN-PLACE, depth 78ft. 5¾in. on the western boundary, 75ft. 10¾in. on the eastern boundary, width at rear 27ft. 8¾in. Mean depth, 77ft. 2in.

LOT 11 (CORNER OF PITT-STREET), having 40ft. frontage to MARTIN-PLACE, and 72ft. 7¾in. frontage to PITT-STREET, depth on western boundary 75ft. 10¾in., width at rear 38ft. 9¾in. Mean depth, 74ft. 2 15-16in.

NOTE.—Each buyer shall have the privilege of forming cellars under the pavement in front of his purchase, such cellarage to extend southerly to the edge of the reserve left for water, gas, and other underground purposes, and to be constructed subject to a plan to be supplied by the Government Architect, and subject to his approval.

TITLE—GRANT FROM THE CROWN TO PURCHASER.

TERMS OF PAYMENT.—Upon the fall of the hammer the purchaser shall pay into the hands of the representative of the Government a cash deposit equal to twenty pounds per cent. of the whole amount of purchase money, and the balance in cash on the issue of the Crown Grant, with interest to such date of issue at 4 per centum per annum, or, at the option of the purchaser, such balance may be paid by four annual payments of equal amounts at one, two, three, and four years' date from day of sale, carrying interest at the same rate, viz., four per centum per annum, payable half-yearly; the Deed of Grant to issue only on full payment of the whole amount of the purchase money and interest, with power of re-sale in case of default in payment of all or any of the instalments and interest as they respectively fall due. Purchasers shall have the right to pay off balance of purchase money, with interest to such date of payment, whenever they desire to do so.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Limited, 98 Pitt-street, and
HARDIE and GORMAN, 133 Pitt-street.

(2891) In the Supreme Court of New South Wales.
Sheriff's Office, Sydney, 24th December, 1891.

CHIVERS v. LAMB, ALEX.

ON TUESDAY, the twenty-ninth day of December, 1891, at noon, unless the writ of fieri facias herein be previously satisfied, the Sheriff will cause to be sold by public auction, at the residence of Mr. Chivers, Australia-street, Granville,
The well-known hurdle racehorse "Vanguard," 6 years or aged, by Cap-a-pie out of Warragle Mare; also racing saddle and bridle.
CHARLES COWPER, Sheriff.
M'Donell and Moffitt, Plaintiff's Attorney, Pitt-street, Sydney.

GREAT SELLING OFF of New Year Cards, To-day. C. E. Fuller and Co., 387 George-st.

Public Companies.

THE QUEENSLAND NATIONAL BANK Limited.

INCORPORATED UNDER THE COMPANIES ACT, 1863.

Bankers to the Government of Queensland.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL	£2,000,000
SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL	1,800,000
PAID-UP CAPITAL	800,000
RESERVE FUND	485,000

DIRECTORS:
Hon. F. H. HART, M.L.C., Chairman
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Hon. Sir A. H. PALMER, K.C.M.G., M.L.C.
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Secretary: D. GEO. STUART.
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Accountant: JOHN BROWN.
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LONDON OFFICE: 29 Lombard-street, E.C.
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Manager: J. W. DICKINSON (Acting).
Bankers: THE BANK OF ENGLAND; THE CONSOLIDATED BANK, Limited.

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Manager: L. A. JOHNSTONE.

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AGENCIES.
Victoria, South Australia, Western Australia—The National Bank of Australasia. New Zealand—Bank of New Zealand, the Colonial Bank of New Zealand. Tasmania—The Bank of Australasia. Scotland—Royal Bank of Scotland, British Linen Company Bank. Ireland—Ulster Bank, Limited. New York—Messrs. Laidlaw and Co. San Francisco—Bank of California. China and the East—Chartered Bank of India, Australia, and China, Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.

THE QUEENSLAND NATIONAL BANK, Limited, grants Drafts on its Branches and Agents; negotiates Bills against Colonial Produce, including Copper and Tin; Discounts Commercial Paper; makes Advances by way of Cash Credit and on Approved Securities; allows Interest on Deposits, according to arrangement; and transacts all usual banking business.

BANK OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

Established 1817.

HEAD OFFICE—GEORGE-STREET, SYDNEY.

Authorised Capital	£3,000,000
Paid-up Capital	1,250,000
Reserve Fund	980,000

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GEORGE MILLER, General Manager.

ENGLISH, SCOTTISH, AND AUSTRALIAN CHARTERED BANK.

Incorporated by Royal Charter, 1852.

Capital, with power to increase to £1,500,000	£900,000
Reserved liability of shareholders	900,000
Reserved fund	310,000
Total	£2,110,000

London Office—38 Lombard-street, E.C.
Colonial Inspector and General Manager: ALEXANDER URQUHART, Esq.
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NEW SOUTH WALES.
SYDNEY AND SUBURBAN BRANCHES—

BALMAIN	PITT-STREET
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PADDINGTON	WOOLLOOMOOLOO

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BERRY	LISMORE
BOWRAL	LITHGOW
BULLI	MAITLAND
BURRAWANG	MARULAN
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GERRINGONG	MOSS VALE
GLADSTONE	NOWRA
GOULBURN	ROBERTSON
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The Bank allows interest on Deposits for Fixed Periods, and transacts all usual banking business.

THE CITY BANK, SYDNEY.

Established 1863.

Subscribed Capital	£500,000
Paid-up Capital	£280,000 0 0
Reserve Fund and Undivided Profits	188,767 0 0
Reserve Liability of Proprietors	660,000 0 0
Total Capital and Reserves	£1,128,767 0 0

DIRECTORS:
Edward Wrench, Esq., J.P., Chairman.
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GENERAL MANAGER: Cyprian Stanton.
ASSISTANT MANAGER and INSPECTOR: James Henderson.
SECRETARY: Thomas T. Orton.
ACCOUNTANT: John J. Curtis.
SOLICITORS: Messrs. John Dawson and Son.

HEAD OFFICE: PITT-STREET, SYDNEY.

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SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL, ONE MILLION STERLING. PAID UP, £250,000.
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THE UNION BANK OF AUSTRALIA, LIMITED.

ESTABLISHED 1837. INCORPORATED 1880.

Paid-up Capital, £1,500,000; Reserve Funds, £1,000,000; together	£2,500,000
Reserve Liability of Proprietors	3,000,000
Total Capital and Reserve Funds	£5,500,000

HEAD OFFICE: 1 Bank-buildings, Lothbury, London.

DIRECTORS:

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Haymarket	Wagga Wagga	Burrowa
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Agents throughout the United Kingdom, India, China, America, and elsewhere.

The Bank grants Letters of Credit on demand, or Bills at three or thirty days' sight, upon its Branches, at the customary rates, on the money being deposited. Similar Letters of Credit may be procured from its Agents in all the principal towns throughout England, Scotland, and Ireland. The Bank also negotiates, and sends for collection, Bills on the Colonies, the terms for which may be obtained on application at its London Office. At its Branches in the Colonies it undertakes all descriptions of Banking and Exchange business.

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SHARE REGISTERS are kept at Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane, Adelaide, Hobart, and Launceston, and at Christchurch, New Zealand, to any of which English and Colonial Shares can be transferred—the Bank affording every facility to its proprietors for this purpose. Dividends are paid upon receipt of telegraphic advice.

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Established 1834.
Incorporated by Act of Council 1848.

CAPITAL	£600,000
RESERVE FUND	£660,000
RESERVE FOR EQUALISATION OF DIVIDENDS	£150,000

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Branches throughout the colony of New South Wales, and in Queensland.
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BANK OF AUSTRALASIA.

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Paid-up Capital, £1,600,000.
Reserve Funds, £800,000.

London Office—4 Threadneedle-street, London, E.C.

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The Bank allows interest on deposits for fixed periods, and also transacts all usual banking business.

A SHARE REGISTER is kept in the colonies, to which shares on the English register can be transferred without charge.

Circular Notes are issued in sums of £10 and £25, negotiable by correspondents in the chief cities of the Continent of Europe, North and South America, Africa, and the East.

1st June, 1888.

BANK OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA, Limited.

Established 1841.

Head Office: 31 Lombard-street, London.

Capital	£800,000
Reserved liability of shareholders	800,000
Reserve fund	100,000

BRANCHES.—In South Australia: Adelaide (head office in Australia), Port Adelaide, Gawler, Port Pirie, Moonta, Jamestown, Port Augusta, Narracoorte, &c. In Victoria: Melbourne. In New South Wales: Sydney and Broken Hill.

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Incorporated by Act of Council, 1853.

Capital authorised	£1,000,000
Paid up	£696,151
Reserve Funds	£476,301

Head Office: Sydney.

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All usual banking business transacted.
Sydney, 23rd July, 1891.

THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, Limited.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL	£2,000,000
SUBSCRIBED and PAID UP	£511,801

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FOR LIFE ASSURANCE ON THE MUTUAL PRINCIPLE.

HEAD OFFICE: 87 PITT-STREET, SYDNEY.

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WANTED, a good DRESSMAKER, by the day. Apply 6 Oxford-st.

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ACTIVE GIRL wanted for housework. Royal Albert Hotel, 218 George-st. North.

A MAN, good cook, wanted. Lord Nelson Hotel, Miller's Point. Apply at once.

A SMART YOUTH to mark billiards, good wages. Apply Ferrier's Billiard Saloon, 130 Pitt-st.

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WANTED, useful young GIRL, to mind baby, wages 5s per week. Apply 202 Campbell-street, off Bourke-street, Surry Hills.

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